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Cheaper mortgages pledge after drop in lending rate

A stimulus to cheaper borrowing from the banks and the promise of a cut in interest rates on mortgages were immediately signalled by a fall in minimum lending rate yesterday. Although the drop was only half a point it was sufficient to raise hopes that mortgage rates might fall by 1 per cent to 8½ per cent, which would be their lowest level for nearly four years. The building societies meet next week.

Bank loans to cost less next week

By Ronald Pullen
Banking Correspondent

Brighter prospects for borrowers and homebuyers emerged yesterday with the announcement of a half point drop to 6½ per cent in minimum lending rate, the key indicator of the nation's interest rate.

Giving his reaction, Mr Ralph Stow, chairman of the Building Societies Association, said "We will certainly be recommending a reduction in our interest rates next week". The amount of the cut in the mortgage rate would be decided when it became clear how other interest rates were behaving.

With the inflow of funds into the societies staying buoyant, December receipts are expected to be worth around £400m, the cut is expected to be at least three quarters of a point to 8¼ per cent although there are some hopes of a full 1 per cent reduction. This would take mortgage rates to their lowest level for nearly four years.

Yesterday's move reverses the sharp upward movement in MLR from 5 to 7 per cent at the end of November after the Government's decision to stop holding down the value of sterling in foreign exchange markets, although most economic forecasters are still looking for an increase in interest rates later this year.

Clearing banks responded unusually swiftly to the widely expected cut in MLR, Barclays led the way with a full one point reduction in its base rate to 6½ per cent only a few minutes after the Bank of England's announcement.

National Westminster quickly followed with a similar cut to 6½ per cent. With Lloyds also falling in line with a half point reduction to 6½ per cent this left only Midland out of step with its base rate of 6¾ per cent.

A spokesman for Midland said that the bank was reviewing interest rates. A decision was expected early next week, the only question being whether it will maintain an element of banking competition by undercutting the other big three.

At the same time rates paid on 7-day branch deposits have also been brought into line. NatWest and Lloyds lowered their deposit rate 1 and ½ per cent respectively to 3 per cent while Barclays is taking some reduction in profitability by reducing its rate 1½ points to 3 per cent.

Clearing banks began to diverge over rates last November when uncertainty over short-term interest rates after the sharp rise in MLR caused, at one point, all the chief clearing banks to offer different lending rates although Barclays and NatWest subsequently settled on a 7½ per cent base rate.

There appears to have been little shifting of business, however, by corporate customers in the meantime largely because over the past year, in response to competition from American banks, the clearers have been forced to lend at rates related to money market rather than base rates.

Midland took a deliberately aggressive marketing stance by raising its base rate to 6¾ per cent in the hope of attracting more corporate business.

Pressure on domestic interest rates has been mounting recently and has increased in the last few days as a result of the sharp rise in the sterling exchange rate after the pronounced weakness of the dollar.

Earlier this week the Bank of England signalled to the money markets that it wanted restraint in the decline in interest rates. But the fairly relaxed attitude of the authorities in the face of the appreciation of sterling reflects confidence that the growth of the money supply in the current financial year can be kept within the 9 per cent to 13 per cent target range.

Indeed, with little discernible increase in bank lending and continuing heavy sales of gilts of around £1,000m in the December banking month and probably slightly more in the January period there are some hopes that the money supply could show a small fall in the next set of figures.

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Sterling in demand after doubts on dollar rescue

By Caroline Atkinson

Sterling was back in favour on London markets yesterday as doubts were voiced about the effectiveness of the American policy of supporting the dollar on the exchanges.

But after a speech in New York by Mr William Miller, who is to take over as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board at the end of this month, the dollar rallied in America. Mr Miller said it was undervalued and active intervention was warranted.

Earlier the pound had jumped to $1.93, a rise of nearly 4½ cents on the day. Other currencies had also picked up as European dealers tested the intentions of the Fed by putting dollars up for sale and seeing at what level, if at all, the Fed would step in and buy.

Deutsche marks rose from DM2.156 to the dollar to DM2.12 against the dollar, and the Swiss franc slipped briefly below 2.0 to the dollar. The German and Swiss central banks were intervening to support the dollar. The gold price in London came back up by $3.75 to $169.875 an ounce on the dollar's weakness.

It is too soon to be sure of the Fed's tactics, and some believe that it might take the Americans a while to get used to handling the market. The new support operation will be the main item on the agenda of the central bankers' meeting in Basle this weekend, and both short-term tactics and longer-term strategy will be discussed.

Although the market can only guess at the amounts being spent by the Fed to hold up the dollar, they are generally believed to be small. The Americans will have to reveal details of all interventions using credit swop lines in six months' time.

The Bank of England did not appear to be trying hard to hold sterling down yesterday. The pound made gains against other currencies besides the dollar, and its trade-weighted index against a basket of currencies rose by 0.6 to reach 65.3 per cent of its December 1971 value.

British authorities remain concerned about the possibility of a further strengthening of the pound, although their fears have been somewhat alleviated by the American measures. Officials in the Treasury and the Bank of England are keeping a close watch on the demand for sterling, and would probably try to resist a very sharp rise.

The fall in minimum lending rate, announced yesterday, is generally thought to be too small to choke off investor's interest in sterling.

Imposition of inward exchange controls has not been ruled out if there is a flood of capital into Britain, but the Bank is not convinced that such controls could have much effect and does not like the idea of having inward and outward controls in existence at the same time.

Officials in Britain are expected to be pushing for further relaxation of the outward controls on capital movements in the coming months.

The Bank of Japan announced yesterday that the New York Federal Reserve Bank has agreed to intervene in currency markets on behalf of the Japanese central bank.

The dollar's effective exchange rate, as calculated by Morgan Guaranty widened again yesterday from −4.4 since Smithsonian to −4.82. This compares to a depreciation of −6.02 just before the American announcement of support for the dollar on Wednesday.



Photograph by Harry Kerr

Mr Donald Woods and his wife at Gatwick with their children: from the left, Duncan, aged 10, Dillon, 13, Gavin, 9, Jane, 14, and six-year-old Mary on her mother's knee.

Fugitive editor fears civil war

By Marcel Berlins

Mr Donald Woods, the banned newspaper editor who fled from South Africa, arrived in London yesterday, with a warning that civil war in his country could be "not longer than three years" away.

Accompanied by his wife Wendy and their five children, he flew into Gatwick and spoke of his relief at being in Britain —"where the police are there to protect you, and not attack you".

His assessment of the situation in South Africa was gloomy. "The black movements and the black youths are so angry that they seem no longer interested in the slow process of negotiation. The white electorate has opted to hang on to privilege at all costs. This, to me, is like two trains on a collision course."

Civil war was the prospect, he said, unless the Western world put intense pressure on the South African Government, so that it would at least sit round a negotiating table with the real black leaders.

Asked why he had not stayed in South Africa to campaign from the inside, Mr Woods, who had been under a banning order since October, replied: "When your hands are strapped together, you cannot punch. When you are silenced you cannot speak."

He appreciated that he might have a less effective voice outside South Africa than in it. However, he might be taken more seriously by the British public than were more radical anti-apartheid campaigners. He was not a crank nor a "leftie", but a "fairly conservative, moderate fellow".

He referred only briefly to his recent escape to Lesotho. He could not tell the whole story, he said for fear of putting others in jeopardy, but admitted that he had been helped in escaping from South Africa.

In listing his reasons for leaving Mr Woods said that the main one was that he could no longer function as a journalist. He could no longer oppose the Government in print. He was also angry at the "absurd" inquest into the death of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader, who had been his best friend.

He wanted to make a fuss about that, which could best be done from outside South Africa, and he was writing a book about Biko, parts of which he had smuggled to his British publishers. He hoped it would have some effect.

A further reason for his leaving was the arrest and detention of his friend Mr Percy Qoboza, editor of the banned black newspaper *The World*. He wanted to call for his release, and that of other detainees. Mr Woods also referred to an incident in which, he said, security police had impregnated a T-shirt meant for his daughter with acid.

Asked whether he now felt safe, Mr Woods replied: "Once you get into this sort of area you are never totally safe, wherever you are."

Judge rules use of 'nigger' not unlawful

A jury at the Central Criminal Court decided yesterday that a man who used the words "niggers, wogs and coons" in a speech was not inciting racial hatred. He was also alleged to have said about the murder of an Asian youth: "One down, a million to go".

The verdict came within 10 minutes after the jury of eight women and four men heard Judge McKinnon, QC, say that the words "niggers, wogs and coons" were not in themselves unlawful.

John Kingsley Read, aged 41, a former chairman of the National Front, who now describes himself as leader of the Democratic National Party of the United Kingdom, was being retried after a jury failed to agree on a verdict.

The court was told that Mr Read, of Queen's Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, had told a political meeting in June, 1976, that he could not refer to coloured immigrants so he would call them "niggers, wogs and coons".

The judge said: "In this England of ours at the moment we are allowed to have our own views still, thank goodness". He added: "And long may it last".

It was stated by the prosecution that in his speech Mr Read had referred to the murder of an Asian youth at Southall, Middlesex, in tones of mock sorrow and had added: "One down, a million to go." Mr Read said the reference to "niggers, wogs and coons" was a light-hearted joke at which the crowd had laughed.

Judge McKinnon, summing up, said that much of the evidence was rubbish and rather vague. He had once met an old school friend, a maharaja, in Piccadilly, who called him by his old nickname, "Nigger".

He added: "I looked round and saw the maharaja's almost black face and said: 'Who are you calling nigger?' Neither he nor I intended any offence and if there had been such a thing as the Race Relations Act in force we would not have committed any offence against it.

"You have got to look at the circumstances and you have got to allow toleration and freedom of the individual, otherwise we are all caught in the vice of dictatorship, repression and slavery."

The judge recalled the nursery rhymes "Ten Little Nigger Boys," "Nigger, Nigger, pull the trigger" and "Catch a Little Nigger by his toe". He asked: "All these old jokey nursery rhymes, have they become criminal offences suddenly because of the multiracial society into which we have moved? It all depends on the circumstances and the intent."

Judge McKinnon said that at school he was nicknamed "nigger" after he had sung a song in the Australian aboriginal language. No one had committed a criminal offence by giving him that name, he said.

He said the section of the Act under which Mr Read was charged was for dealing with an agitator who tried to stir up hatred. It did not refer to arguments aimed at stemming immigration or advocating repatriation.

"The fact is, a large number of our forebears went abroad. They took their families, they made their homes and they worked with the local indigenous coloured population. Such was the affection engendered by those of our forebears in the local indigenous population, in the West Indies, Jamaica, Bermuda, Guyana, and many other parts of the world, that no sooner did the white man grant independence and freedom to govern themselves than the black man wanted to follow the white man to England."

Unlimited numbers of immigrants could not be accommodated in Britain, but that was not something to be ashamed of. There were people in Britain opposed to the influx of immigrants. "Goodness knows, we have one-and-a-half million unemployed already and all immigrants are going to do is to occupy jobs that are needed by the local population."

Homes were scarce. "It is said that immigrants will occupy homes which are needed by ordinary English folk in this country", the judge told the jury. These are matters upon which people are entitled to

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Mr Carter reassures Nato on US intent

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 6

President Carter today assured America's Nato allies that they will always be kept fully consulted about all aspects of the negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union on arms limitations. An alliance spokesman said afterwards that they were "extremely heartened" by this pledge.

In a statement to the press after an hour of talks with Dr Josef Luns, the Nato Secretary General, and representatives from the alliance's 15 states, Mr Carter said: "I told our allies that we have nothing to conceal from them. They are partners in every sense of the word."

If any questions arose, whether about the strategic arms limitation talks (Salt), the role of tactical nuclear weapons or the health of the dollar and the American economy, Mr Carter said he had told his Nato allies: "You only have to contact me directly to get an immediate answer."

There has been concern in West Europe that agreements reached by the Soviet Union and the United States in the Salt negotiations could jeopardize security. One fear has been that America might "bargain away" Nato's assumed superiority in tactical or battlefield nuclear weapons as part of an overall settlement.

Mr Carter gave this assurance: "We will work with you to maintain deterrents across the entire spectrum of strategic, nuclear and conventional forces, so that Warsaw Pact forces will know that all of us are united in commitment to defence of all territories of Nato members."

He also reminded his allies that the number of American soldiers in West Europe will be increased by more than 8,000 over the next year and a half, and that "we will substantially improve our reinforcement capability".

The American defence budget to be announced later this month would also provide real increases in defence spending,

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Firemen's executive expects close vote

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

After eight weeks on strike, firemen began to prepare yesterday for next Thursday's vote on whether to return to work.

Most executive members of the Fire Brigades Union expect a close vote. Firemen throughout the country met yesterday to decide their response to their leaders' recommendation to accept the employers' offer.

Mr Terence Parry, general secretary, said: "They are not going back with a total loss of any kind. That pay formula, exempted from incomes policy for two years, is a very great victory."

The executive would have been irresponsible to give the strikers hope that it could improve the offer when it had tried every avenue. The revised version of the offer was "very satisfactory".

If the men return to work, their leaders are worried about the friction that seems inevitable between the strikers and members of the fire service who continued working, including a few union members.

Mr Parry said the national executive had heard of "some resentment" among union members about the peace formula, but many had welcomed the decision. The strike had obviously not been good for morale, but the men had stood together. Not until Tuesday had the executive conceded there was no means of improving the offer.

Mr David Howell, an opposition spokesman on home affairs, said yesterday that the Conservatives had no part in formulating the long-term offer and therefore could not be committed to it.

The firemen's executive finalized arrangements for next Thursday's conference yesterday. There will be long discussions on the offer; then delegates will decide simply whether to accept or reject it.

Part-timers who have continued at work alleged yesterday that flying pickets had continued a campaign of intimidation. Mr Gordon Newton, assistant general secretary of the Retained Fire Fighters' Union, said the campaign appeared to increase after the decision to recall the delegate conference.

His accusation was resented by some FBU executive members who said that when work was resumed, relations might be strained in stations shared by part-timers and full-time firemen.

Firemen at Exmouth, Devon, voted to report for duty on Monday, for hardship and financial reasons.

Responses throughout Britain included:

Northamptonshire: Two hundred strikers voted overwhelmingly to accept the pay offer if that is recommended on Thursday.

East Midlands: Mr Percy Tinson, regional FBU chairman, said he believed his members would accept. Firemen in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and Leicestershire were being advised to accept.

South Yorkshire: Union officials said their representatives would vote against the offer.

London: Mr David Challenor, one of two London union executive members, expected a close vote. He said he hoped men would not return to work.

West Yorkshire: Mr Ian Matthews, local FBU chairman, said the offer was an excellent step forward.

The South: Mr Thomas Garland, FBU southern region secretary, said he thought many firemen would vote to return because of hardship, but believed the offer should be rejected.

Strathclyde: Mr Patrick Clenaghan, local chairman, said he was sure the conference would reject the recommendation. "We honestly believe, after the checking we have done, that we certainly are not alone and that we can carry the vote."

Yorkshire firemen meet in Leeds today to discuss the offer. Two thousand strikers in the West Midlands are to meet early next week in Birmingham. Northern Ireland's 500 striking firemen meet on Tuesday at two separate meetings in Belfast and Londonderry.

Mother and children die, page 2

Pay guide is broken by food council

By Our Labour Staff

The Government's pay guidelines have been breached again by a wages council award. The statutory minimum wage of 300,000 workers in food distribution is to be increased by between 11 and 13 per cent.

The employers side on the Retail Food Wages Council immediately dissociated themselves from the decision yesterday. They were defeated by the combined employee and independent sides.

The Department of Employment cannot veto a wages council award. Last month, despite a government warning that it would breach the guidelines, farmworkers were given an increase above 10 per cent by the Agricultural Wages Board. Wages councils for booksellers and stationers and hairdressers have also granted increases on minimum rates exceeding 10 per cent.

The latest award will benefit half those working in food distribution. A third get more than the minimum under the multiple grocery agreement, and others get more through other deals. The minimum for managers and manageresses goes up by £4.

The wages council decided on the award on November 2 and had to wait the required time for objections. The Department of Employment was among the objectors. The employers said yesterday that in view of the Government's objection they would have liked the proposal rescinded and renegotiated.

A Transport and General Workers' Union delegate conference will be held on Tuesday on a pay deal for 10,000 petrol tanker drivers who earn about £5,000 a year for a basic 40-hour week with overtime. The men want 30 per cent more.

Power workers' leaders are to meet at the Electricity Council on Thursday over a deal for 96,000 employees of the Central Electricity Generating Board, and unofficial action may recur if there is not a substantial rise.

Police interview man and woman in murder hunt

Det Chief Supt William O'Hara, who is leading the investigation into the murder of Mrs Jean Ishmail in Bow, London, on Wednesday, said last night at his headquarters in Limehouse that a man and a woman were being interviewed.

Mrs Ishmail's five brothers voiced the opinion yesterday that she was killed because of a grudge against her lover, Mr Michael Ishmail, who is in prison on remand, charged in connexion with an armed robbery.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING AFTER INDIAN CYCLONE

The real horror and suffering of survivors of the recent Indian Cyclone is only just beginning. Oxfam's field staff who arrived three days after the cyclone report that there are many widows left with children. Two million have been made homeless, and there is no way they can support themselves. The destruction has been complete. They have lost crops, boats, fishing nets, carts, cooking pots . . . everything.

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Closure threat to many schools by 1988

Declining rural and inner city populations might mean that by 1988 there would be two million school places surplus to requirements, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told a Cork conference. Some of the spare accommodation could be used but many schools would have to be closed and the Government would support local authorities who decided that was necessary

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England's big task

England face the task of reaching a total of 344 runs today to win the second Test match. Pakistan declared their second innings at 259 for four and at close of play England were 10 for no wicket

John Woodcock, page 16

Leyland chief's pledge to employees

Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, pledged that all workers would be kept informed of major decisions affecting the company. The announcement came after speculation about the future of British Leyland and the sudden resignation of Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director at Leyland Cars

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Challenge to unions

The Conservative Party's attack on "undemocratic union bosses" has been renewed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC. The Opposition Treasury spokesman said that his party would invite voters at the next election to demand a fundamental change in the objectives and role of unions

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India greets Premier

Mr Callaghan arrived in Delhi to a friendly welcome. In his speech on arrival he gave a hint that he intended to urge India to buy more from ritain

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French warning on Arab terror wave

The French police warned some embassies in Paris, including the Syrian, that they had intercepted letter bombs addressed to them. The news was passed to the Scotland Yard team investigating the deaths in London of two Syrian Embassy staff and a Palestine Liberation Organization official

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Funds inquiry wider

An inquiry into allegations that about £1m of public housing fund money found its way into the hands of the Provisional IRA in Belfast will now also cover the handling of housing executive contracts in Londonderry, where it is alleged that £5m has gone astray

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Liberal disclaimer: Mr Pardoe said that if the special Liberal assembly on January 21 voted for an immediate end of the pact with Labour and Mr Steel resigned he would not be a candidate for the party leadership

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HOME NEWS

Tory quarrel with 'undemocratic trade union barons' renewed by Sir Geoffrey Howe

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Reopening the Conservative quarrel with "union bosses", Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, last night declared that his party would use the next election not simply to reject socialism by a change of government.

"We must invite the electorate at the same time to demand a fundamental change in the objectives and role of Britain's trade unions, so that it is much less easy for so many of their leaders to continue the pursuit of socialism, regardless of the wishes of their members", he said.

Sir Geoffrey, Opposition Spokesman on treasury and economic affairs, who usually leaves comment on unions to his more moderate colleague, Mr James Prior, added, in remarks prepared for a speech at Swindon: "No sensible person can believe that Mr Callaghan is the man who would check, still less reverse, the growth in political power of the union bosses."

Sir Geoffrey's starting point was the appointment as a Companion of Honour of Mr Jack Jones, retiring general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. He said it would be nice to think that with Mr Jones the end of an era had been reached, but "there are plenty more where he came from". Sir Geoffrey asked whether union leaders on the Jones model had played, or were likely to play, roles "that served the best interests or real wishes of their membership and of the people as a whole". Although he avoided a direct answer, the whole tenor of his speech suggested that the answer had to be "no".

Ever since the TUC in 1969 defeated what Sir Geoffrey called the Wilson-Castle axis, they had dominated Labour policy-making. "Labour's social democrats have been unable, even if they were willing, to stem the tide. Many of them have given up the unequal struggle."

Denouncing that "profoundly undemocratic domination of the Labour Party", Sir Geoffrey mocked the democratic pretensions of some union leaders who yet enjoyed election to their posts for life, like "medieval barons and bishops, even eighteenth-century dukes. . . ."

Only three of the 113 TUC-affiliated unions subjected their general secretaries to periodic reelection, he complained. Mr Clive Jenkins's silver jubilee, as general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, and its predecessor, was only eight years away.

Sir Geoffrey said union leaders were using their power, through the closed-shop laws, to destroy personal freedom. They were holding down living standards through their resistance to labour-saving equipment and enthusiasm for overmanning. German workers' living standards had risen three times as fast as those of the British, thanks to their being represented by unions "which want to promote success and not the collapse of the free society".

Sir Geoffrey said union leaders had a large hand in writing Labour's manifesto and key figures in the union hierarchy wished to see Britain move along a Soviet road. He cited TUC contacts with "so-called" unions in the Soviet block.

He emphasized that Conservatives were not hostile to unions, as such. But where his speech leaves Mr Prior's tactic of treading softly on the issue is uncertain.

Mrs Thatcher's view on poll date

Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative leader, said yesterday that she did not expect a general election before October, but that she believed that we were on the run-up to one.

Answering questions during a tour of North-east Scotland, she said the Prime Minister's options were being steadily reduced. "Every time he lets an option for a general election go past it reduces the number he has left."

Her view that there would be no general election before October was expressed during a question and answer session at Bridge of Don Academy, Aberdeen, when she was asked whether the Scotland Bill would end the controversy over devolution.

She said that she thought the Bill would go through provided there was not a general election. She believed the issue would go to a referendum of the people of Scotland and it would be for them to decide if they wanted that method of devolution. She said she thought that it would go through, but it was a bad method of devolution. "I do not think it will stay where that Bill puts it. We will have to change it in some direction."

She told another pupil, who asked if she thought the Scottish National Party would present a threat to the Conservatives, that it was a more serious danger to Labour. "Their policies have gone much more socialist, and that is where they will make their gains."

Speaking to party workers in Aberdeen last night she said the next election would be "a watershed". There were not many free democracies left in the world. All of them were capitalist economies.

If Britain got a socialist government next time it would be like one of the East European states.

Judge defends strong views on immigration issue

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hold and to declare strong views expressed in moderate terms."

It had been suggested that the phrase "one down and a million to go" was an insult to the dead Asian youth, the judge added. But it was not an offence to insult the dead unless it was by desecrating a grave.

The judge said of Mr Read: "He is obviously a man who has had the guts to come forward in the past and stand up in public for the things that he believes in. You and I may disagree with him wholly and entirely, and might well vote for almost anybody who stood against him. That is not to say he has committed any criminal offence."

After the verdict the judge told Mr Read: "You have been rightly acquitted but in these days and in these times it would be well if you were careful to use moderate language. By all means propagate the views you have, but try to avoid invoking the sort of action which has been taken against you. I wish you well."

"Law is an ass": Mr William Trant, secretary of the West Indian Standing Conference, said of the acquittal: "I am terribly disappointed and disturbed by this decision. If the law says that calling people 'niggers, wogs and coons' is not incitement to racial violence, then the law is an ass."

Mr David Lane, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, said the Attorney General must have had good grounds for bringing the prosecution, so the case might be no more than an illustration of the weakness of the 1965 Act.

Mr Darcus Howe, editor of *Race Today*, journal of the Institute of Race Relations, said the case was an ominous development for the future of race relations in Britain. "What this will mean to individuals in immigrant communities is this, that white courts are not going to deal with white racialism on behalf of black people. This will destroy the confidence of black people in the race laws."



Judge Neil McKinnon, QC (*above*) an Australian-born father of seven, has come to be regarded as one of the most outspoken Central Criminal Court judges of recent years. Two years ago he criticized the law that makes it illegal to have sexual intercourse with a girl under 16. He gave one man a conditional discharge and his brother a nine-month suspended sentence after they had admitted illegal intercourse with a girl aged 15. He said: "When you have got young women of this age and this maturity participating in a perfectly natural activity, it is difficult to brand the other party as a criminal." In 1969 he said it was an "outrage" that an elderly man, described by a detective as a "miser", who beat an old woman with an iron bar, should be defended on legal aid. Four years later he described as "rubbish" reports that recommended a young girl who had nearly killed another with a knife should be put under supervision or on probation.

Mother and 3 children die in fire

Five people, including a mother and three of her children died in fires in Hull and Manchester yesterday.

Mrs Christine Dickson, aged 23, died while trying to rescue the children, aged four, three and one, from her blazing home at Reynoldson Street, Hull.

A neighbour said she was talking with Mrs Dickson when they noticed the windows of her house blackened by fire. Mrs Dickson ran indoors to bring out her baby and then went back for her other children. "I heard Mrs Dickson scream once and then nothing more", the neighbour, Mrs Kathleen Hartley, said.

Mr Dickson, who was in bed with influenza, jumped out of a window and was taken to hospital with the baby for checks.

Striking firemen left their picket line but neither they nor Service firemen could get into the house.

Earlier yesterday a man died in a house fire in Manchester. Two other people escaped.

Naval fire-fighters rescued a man from a blazing ninth-floor flat at Chadwell St Mary, Essex.

More than 100 Servicemen from 15 Green Goddesses fought a fire in a warehouse and store belonging to the Alco Hardware company at Stratford, east London, last night. They prevented the flames spreading to propane gas and chemical stocks near by.

The four-storey building was destroyed but no one was injured.

Mr Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, yesterday visited the joint Army-London Fire Brigade headquarters in the former tramway tunnel under Kingsway, to which all fire calls are routed by Scotland Yard.

He said morale among Servicemen was still high.

Striker charged: A striking fireman was charged by police yesterday with stealing a distress flare from Essex County Council. He was released on £100 bail to appear in court on February 21.

Standby air fares to Philadelphia and Boston

By Arthur Reed

Trans World Airlines, of the United States, is to introduce single standby fares between London and Boston for £63 and between London and Philadelphia for £66. The eastbound fares will be £83 and £88 respectively.

The other big airlines on the North Atlantic, British Airways and Pan American, were studying the Trans World proposal yesterday and may be expected to propose similar fares. All the new fares will have to be approved by aviation authorities.

All three airlines, together with Air-India, El Al and Iran Air, the other international airlines with traffic rights through London, started to offer standby fares to New York in September after the lead given by Laker Airways with its cheap Skytrain service. The London to New York standby single fare is £64.

Trans World said yesterday that the popularity of their no-reservations fare in the New York-London market had encouraged many Boston and Philadelphia passengers to travel to London through New York rather than use more direct TWA services.

"We believe our proposed fares will generate new business by enabling our passengers to take advantage of the lower fares on direct flights between London and Boston and Philadelphia", the airline said.

Seats would be offered on a first come, first served basis, with a maximum of 350 each week in each direction between the three cities. TWA said that more than 16,500 passengers had used its standby fares on the London to New York route up to the end of 1977.



Skateboarding MP: Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester, West, coming to grief yesterday during a test spin after opening a skateboard run in a Leicester park. Mr Janner, who is campaigning for more skateboard centres, congratulated police at Dudley, West Midlands, on the decision to drop prosecutions against 20 young people for skateboarding on the pavement.

He said: "I am delighted that sense has been substituted for the sledgehammer. Every police force in the land should learn from Dudley police force's prompt and sensible recognition of its own adult error.

"We need first-class supervised skateboarding facilities, where young people can enjoy their adventure with maximum safety and minimum risk to themselves and others." Next week Mr Janner is to table a Commons motion asking for additional government powers to compel local authorities to provide skateboard centres.

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Protest over French tax on lamb

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Farmers complained to the Government yesterday that France was breaking EEC rules by taxing lamb from Britain. No charge is made on lamb entering the highly priced French trade from the Irish Republic.

The National Farmers' Union said that it would also complain to the EEC Commission in what promises to become the first of many complex battles this year about the Community's food trade rules.

Mr David Parker, chairman of the livestock and wool committee of the union, said: "The French are applying one rule to the Irish and one to the United Kingdom".

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the union, said: "We made very strong representations to the minister before Christmas and he responded promptly."

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said then that he opposed bilateral agreements among EEC states that discriminated against Britain. Farmers have since waited while a test consignment of 800 dead lambs was sent to France from Devon. The union said yesterday that a tax of 28p a pound had been paid under protest.

British farmers consider that France more than any other EEC state combines sanctimonious reminders to others of EEC rules with instant breaches of them when its own farmers' interests appear to be endangered.

Secondly, they consider a distortion of free trade in the Community, such as the lamb tax, more pernicious now than ever. The United Kingdom has just completed a transitional period of Community membership in which it had to eliminate its own distortions.

France bases its defence of the tax on continued imports to Britain of 200,000 tonnes of frozen lamb a year from New Zealand. That, in the French view, is a far greater distortion than the tax, one that is not practised by the Irish Republic.

The exchange of accusation and abuse that is sure to begin now that the tax has been charged will be complicated by the ill-defined status of lamb in EEC rules. Although free trade rules apply to all foods, lamb is one of the few to which the complicated pricing machinery of the common agricultural policy does not apply.

Falling meat consumption in Britain has made livestock farmers much more export-conscious, and last year they sold more than 250,000 live lambs abroad. Lamb sells for little more than 60p a pound in Britain, while in France it can command more than £1. Sales of live lamb from the Irish Republic to the rest of the EEC apart from the United Kingdom rose by a third last year to more than 40,000 head.

Scottish complaint: Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, who visited the Aberdeen area yesterday, was handed a letter by officials of the local executive of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland, seeking her support in trying to obtain a devalution of the green pound.

The letter complained about the Government's "intransigent attitude".

Mr John Peyton, Conservative spokesman on agriculture, said yesterday that farmers faced another tough year because of the Government's stupidity.

He said at the annual meeting of the Shropshire branch of the National Farmers' Union at Shrewsbury that it was bad for the nation that an efficient sector of industry should be undermined and perhaps put in peril because of the Government's failure to face a drop in currency values.

Mr Peyton said he had tabled a motion, supported by 100 Conservatives, calling for an immediate devaluation of the green pound by 7½ per cent.

Van on rails delays car delivery

By Our Labour Staff

A train carrying 114 cars was halted as it moved into a siding at the Milton trading estate, near Didcot, Oxfordshire, when a van was driven across its path. The incident is attributed to continuing tension between railway workers and Transport and General Workers' Union members.

The train was the first to be sent from the Cowley depot of British Leyland. In all, 500 cars should have been delivered but the rest are still at Cowley.

The incident happened on Wednesday. Some TGWU members felt the delivery by train could affect their livelihoods. Normally cars are taken by road transporters. The delivery was meant to be an exceptional exercise because of a build-up at Cowley over Christmas.

The van was removed from the line after an hour and the train taken to a siding for unloading. The train returned to Cowley yesterday but did not return with more cars.

Mr Pardoe 'not in race' if Mr Steel resigns

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

If the special Liberal Par assembly in *Blackpool* on Ja uary 21 votes for the immedi ending of the pact with Labo and Mr Steel carries out l declared intention to resi Mr John Pardoe, will not be candidate for the vacant po The Liberal MP for Cornw North, made that clear l night.

Most of the Liberals oppo to the continuation of the p would like Mr Pardoe to sta

When Mr Jeremy Thor resigned in 1976, the party in motion an elaborate proc of consultation with memb in the constituencies and th votes were counted ar Poplar Civic Centre on July

Mr Steel had 12,541 vo and the only other contest Mr Pardoe, 7,032. At the ti Mr Pardoe was under a hat cap because many Liber thought he was too rash flamboyant to lead the pa Mr Steel offered a more m erate style and was stron supported by the older Liber

Mr Pardoe said at the Ho of Commons last night that party must follow its lea "My responsibility, as I s after the leadership electior 1976, is to keep the Lib Party together.

"No one should assume if David Steel resigns I s pick up the pieces; my ai to ensure that David will resign."

It was Mr Steel's duty to this party through to the election whatever the resul the special assembly.

The clear implication of Pardoe's stand is that he use his considerable power oratory to sway the confer behind an amendment that leave it open to Mr Steel his 12 colleagues in the C mons to make their decisio when the pact should be en and that could be long dela

If Mr Steel resigns, and Pardoe refuses to stand, t would again be a demand Mr Jo Grimond, the elder st man of the party and fo leader, to take up the again, but he will need of persuading.

New contestants w emerge, notably Mr E Hooson, QC, (Montgor shire), leader of the Welsh eral Party, Mr Russell John (Inverness), a leader of party in Scotland, and Mr ard Wainwright (Colne Val spokesman on trade industry.

Mr Steel is coming out ing in support of his de to be given a free hand, i laboration with the Westmi Liberals, to judge when the should be broken. He sets store by his party noti broadcast next week and b meeting with the party e tire on January 13.

Then it is expected tha special conference of the tish Liberal Party will overwhelmingly for his vie

The motion before the sp assembly calls for an end t pact "either on completio the Finance Bill, or imm ately" and says that a ge election should then be so

An amendment, based on expected Scottish confer declaration, will be move "Steel loyalists", with endorsement of Mr Pardoe. moving of the amendment be left to a leading Liberal the floor of the conference

Jail sentence after record cocaine seizure

A man caught trying to smuggle the largest amount of cocaine ever seized at Gatwick airport was jailed for six years at Lewes Crown Court yesterday.

Charles Peter Wade, aged 25, of no fixed address, a former student at Brunel University, west London, admitted trying to smuggle 1,594 grammes of cocaine into the airport on October 13.

Judge Crocker said: "On your own admission you were expecting to receive £5,000 for your part in the venture and you appreciated that the value was at least of the order of £80,000."

It was stated that after Mr Wade arrived from Lima, Peru, customs officers drilled a hole in the bottom of his holdall and cocaine came out.

Quick draw for Mestel against Sax at Hastings

From Harry Golombek
Hastings

There was no round due to be played yesterday in the Premier chess tournament at Hastings and advantage was taken of the free day to play the postponed games. Two were from round one. In the first there was a quick draw in 16 moves between Mestel and Sax, who both employed a type of Sicilian defence that led to many exchanges.

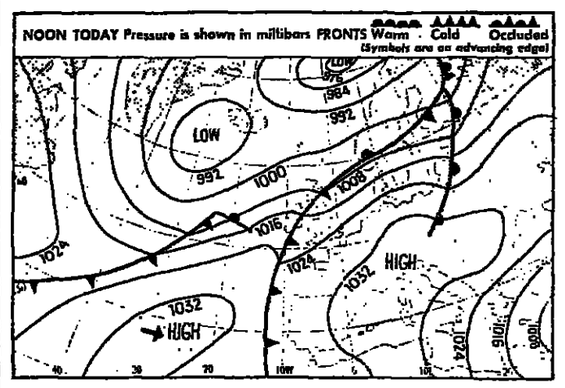
In the second, Hort captured the gambit pawn in a Queen's Pawn Benoni defence and Fedorowicz was unable to gain any compensation, the game being adjourned with a likely win for Hort.

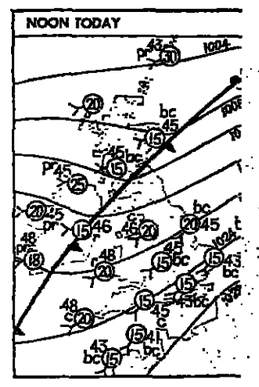
Nunn mishandled a Sicilian defence against Tisdall in his postponed game from round eight and looked fairly certain to lose on adjournment.

In an adjourned game from round eight Mestel beat Shamkovich.

The scores are: Sax, 7; Dzindzihashvili ½ and 1 adj; Petrosian, ½; Mestel and Farlan, 4½; Speelman, 3; Hort, 3½ and 1 adj; Fedorowicz, Nunn and Webb ½ and 1 adj; Seirawan, 2; Botterill and Shamkovich, 2½; Kagan, 1½; and Tisdall 1 and 1 adj.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.5 am Sun sets: 4.9 pm
Moon rises: 5.49 am Moon sets: 2.51 pm
New moon: January 9.
Lighting up: 4.39 pm to 7.35 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.56 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); Avonmouth, 5.13 am, 12.1m (39.8ft); 5.42 pm, 12.5m (41.0ft); Dover, 9.0 am, 6.5m (21.3ft); 9.35 pm, 6.6m (21.7ft); Hull, 4.0 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 4.31 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft); Liverpool, 9.19 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 9.47 pm, 9.0m (29.5ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 8.5 am Sun sets: 4.10 pm
Moon rises: 6.52 am Moon sets: 3.57 pm
New moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.40 pm to 7.34 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.31 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 12.56 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft); Avonmouth, 6.15 am, 13.1m (43.0ft); 6.41 pm, 13.3m (43.5ft); Dover, 9.55 am, 6.7m (22.1ft); 10.25 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft); Hull, 5.1 am, 7.1m (23.4ft); 5.25 pm, 7.4m (24.3ft); Liverpool, 10.14 am, 9.4m (31.0ft); 10.41 pm, 9.4m (30.7ft).

A trough of low pressure will move E across much of Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia: Dry, bright intervals; wind SW, light; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Central S, E England, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Mainly dry, probably a little rain later; wind SW, moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).

W Midlands, central N, NE England: Dry at first, a little rain later: wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Occasional rain, dry later; wind SW, fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, a little rain occasionally; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Rain at first, then bright with scattered showers; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° or 46°F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, NW and NE Scotland: Rain at first, then brighter with scattered showers, snow on hills; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 6° or 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Dry at first, occasional rain later; wind strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow Monday: Mostly dry in S to row but otherwise changeable some showers or longer outbu of rain; becoming colder.

Sea passages: S North Strait of Dover, English Ch (E): Wind S, moderate or fr sea moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish Wind S, veering W, fresh, lo strong; sea moderate, per rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am pm, 10°C (50°F); min 6 pm am. 7°C (45°F). Humidity 6 61 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,032.2 l. bars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	c	6	43	Dublin	c	6	43	Lisbon	c	11	52
Alders	s	14	57	Edinburgh	c	7	45	Locarno	s	4	39
Amsterdam	c	7	45	Faro	s	19	66	London	c	8	46
Athens	s	13	57	Florence	s	8	46	Oslo	c	-1	30
Barcelona	c	8	46	Funchal	c	19	66	Paris	c	7	45
Beirut	s	17	63	Geneva	r	0	32	Reykjavik	c	-1	30
Berlin	r	2	36	Gibraltar	c	15	59	Rome	s	8	46
Bermuda	s	20	68	Guernsey	c	7	45	Malaga	c	15	59
Biarritz	c	8	48	Helsinki	sn	-1	30	Malta	r	14	57
Brussels	c	4	39	Innsbruck	r	-1	30	Miami	r	25	77
Budapest	c	-1	30	Istanbul	sn	1	34	Montreal	r	-10	14
Cairo	s	22	72	Jersey	r	9	48	Moscow	r	-15	5
Cologne	c	3	37	L Palmas	r	19	66	Munich	c	-1	30
Chicago	c	3	37	Lisbon	c	11	52	New York	s	7	45
Naples	s	10	50	Tangier	s	16	61	Vienna	c	0	32
Nice	s	10	50	Tenerife	s	21	70	Warsaw	sn	-1	30
Oslo	c	0	32	Toronto	sn	-7	19	Zurich	r	-1	30
Paris	r	7	45	Venice	r	4	39				
Reykjavik	c	-1	30	Vienna	c	0	32				
Rome	s	8	46	Warsaw	sn	-1	30				
Stockholm	fog	0	32	Zurich	r	-1	30				
Tel Aviv	s	16	61								

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Bfr 15; Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Dkr 1; Finland, Fmk 5.25; France, Frs 1; Inc TVA); Germany, Dmk 1; Greece, Dr 33; Holland, Dfl 1; Hongkong, HK$ 6.00; Italy, Lire 1,500; Luxembourg, Lf 25; Madeira, Esc 35; Malta, 7p; Norway, Kr 1.50; Portugal, Esc 35; Spain, Pes 100; Sweden, Skr 3.25; Switzerland, Fr 1; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugos Din 24.

Inquiry into missing housing funds to be widened

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The Northern Ireland scandal over alleged misappropriation of public housing funds may be much more serious than was realized when the Government announced a public inquiry last month.

Initially it was understood that the investigation would be restricted to repeated allegations that about £1m for repairs in the staunchly republican district of west Belfast had made its way into the hands of the Provisional IRA.

Several "loyalist" politicians believed that the missing funds were connected with the Feakle peace talks in 1974 and the subsequent declaration of an IRA truce, but the Government has denied those suggestions.

Yesterday, after an unexpected public statement by Mr John Hume, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, official sources confirmed that the investigation would also cover the handling of housing executive contracts in Londonderry and all other parts of Northern Ireland.

Mr Hume disclosed that he had been in touch with the Government for more than a year about new allegations that much public money had gone astray in his home town of Londonderry over a period going back to 1971.

The amount involved is believed to be about £5m. Those allegations concern house-building contracts and maintenance programmes on several estates. No paramilitary groups are thought to be involved.

The decision to launch a public inquiry was taken by Mr Mason, the Secretary of State, after a plea by Mr James O'Hara, chairman of the housing executive. It came soon after the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided not to direct any court action on the strength of a lengthy police report covering the west Belfast allegations.

New bridge: The Government is to proceed with the construction of a second bridge across the river Foyle, Londonderry City Council was told yesterday (our Londonderry Correspondent writes).

Protest to newspaper over tone of lesbians report

About twenty-five men and women invaded the offices of the *Evening News in London* yesterday protesting against the tone of a report in the paper on Thursday stating that six lesbian couples had had children by artificial insemination.

"Sappho", a London-based lesbian organization, said that the couples were referred to a London doctor who was willing to help them, and all had had "marvellous, super kids". The doctor involved was said to be away on holiday and not available for comment.

The demonstrators sang "Sisters, we shall not be moved", clapping their hands and demanding to talk to Joanna Paryna, author of the article.

Mr Louis Kirby, editor of the *Evening News*, who had met demonstrators in the main hall of the building agreed to make what he described as an exceptional offer to the protestors, to print their reply to the report in next Tuesday's issue.

He told four of the men and women, who claimed to be from the staff of Spare Rib and from Gay Sweatshop, a theatre company, that he refused to give any undertaking that the investigation would be discontinued.

Mr Kirby, who was accompanied at the meeting by Mr Stuart Cumer, assistant editor, said: "We were reporting matters which we consider to be of public interest, and we have a considerable reputation as an investigatory paper.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, an Opposition spokesman on education, yesterday demanded legislation to ban the use of artificial insemination to provide lesbian couples with children.

He said: "To bring children into this world without a natural father is evil and selfish. This evil must stop for the sake of the potential children and society, which both have enough problems without the extension of this horrific practice."

Sir George Young, Conservative MP for Ealing, Acton, said he had written to Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, asking him if he will get in touch with the British Medical Association and draw up some guidelines "to curb this activity".

Woman and son found shot dead at home

The wife and son of a district council chairman were found shot dead at their home at Trowbridge, Wiltshire, yesterday with a .22 rifle near their bodies. The police said that nobody was in custody and they were not looking for anyone in connexion with the incident.

Mrs Vera Roberts, aged 50, a Conservative councillor, and her son, Gwylim, aged 16, died in the breakfast room of their home in Wingfield Road. Her husband Gareth, also a Conservative, is chairman of West Wiltshire District Council and departmental head at a local comprehensive school.

Boy found

Raymond Hopkins, aged 13, missing from his home in Peterborough for the past eight weeks, was found last night in a cottage at Banstead, Surrey.

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HOME NEWS

Worry over the bills in Victoria's household

By John Young
Planning Reporter

In the year just ended some 750,000 people visited Osborne House, which stands, with its magnificent grounds, on the north shore of the Isle of Wight. But in the last financial year for which figures are available, to April, 1976, income from admission fees to the state apartments was less than £60,000, while expenditure on staffing and maintenance came to £126,000, leaving a bill for the taxpayer of nearly £67,000.

Those figures go some way to explain the reluctance of the Government, and the National Trust, to accept historic houses on the nation's behalf without substantial endowments for their upkeep. Even if it should be agreed that the National Land Fund be made available for the purchase of outstanding buildings, maintenance and upkeep still pose formidable difficulties.

Osborne is not, of course, a typical historic home; it is certainly stately, but it was home only for one capricious great lady, to whom it remains a somewhat bizarre shrine.

There is something macabre about the marble replicas on display of the royal infants' pudgy limbs, only partially balanced by the imported Swiss chalet where Prince Albert, in his down-to-earth way, decreed that those same children should learn the elements of carpentry, cookery and gardening.

It is unlikely, in the foreseeable future, that any other royal residence will be deemed surplus to requirements. In any case, it would hardly be offered with the same alacrity with which King Edward VII foisted Osborne, which he hated and which he always associated with summonses to explain his behaviour, upon a speechless nation within hours of his mother's death.

Needless to say, there was no royal endowment, but at the King's request one wing was turned into a convalescent home for officers of the Services. Most of the house, including the splendid Durbar Room, was opened to the public in 1904, but it was another 50 years before admission was granted to Queen Victoria's private suite.

The dual functions of Osborne, as private sanatorium and public curiosity, have not always been easy to reconcile. Not least of the difficulties has been to find an administrator with the energy and qualifications to be both doctor in charge of some fifty mainly elderly patients and general manager of a busy tourist enterprise.

The present incumbent, Surgeon Captain Ronald McDonald, assumes both roles with evident aplomb and good humour. "Officially I am supposed to spend 85 per cent of my time on medicine and 15 per cent on administration", he says, "but in practice it does not work out like that".

Captain McDonald, aged 59, is the latest of three successive former Royal Navy house governors. Born in Liverpool, he spent his early childhood in South America and Portugal and was 10 years old before he learnt English.

Educated at Blundells School and the London Hospital, he joined the RNVR in 1943 as a surgeon lieutenant. He served on the Russian convoys, took part in the Normandy landings and was the first British Serviceman to set foot on Jersey after the liberation, his task being to inspect the island's state of health.

He assumed his present post in April, 1974, largely through his friendship with the families of the two previous governors; it was offered to him while he was still commanding the Royal Navy hospital in Malta. "I officially left the Navy at 8 am in Southampton", he recalls, "and was installed here by 11 o'clock the same morning."

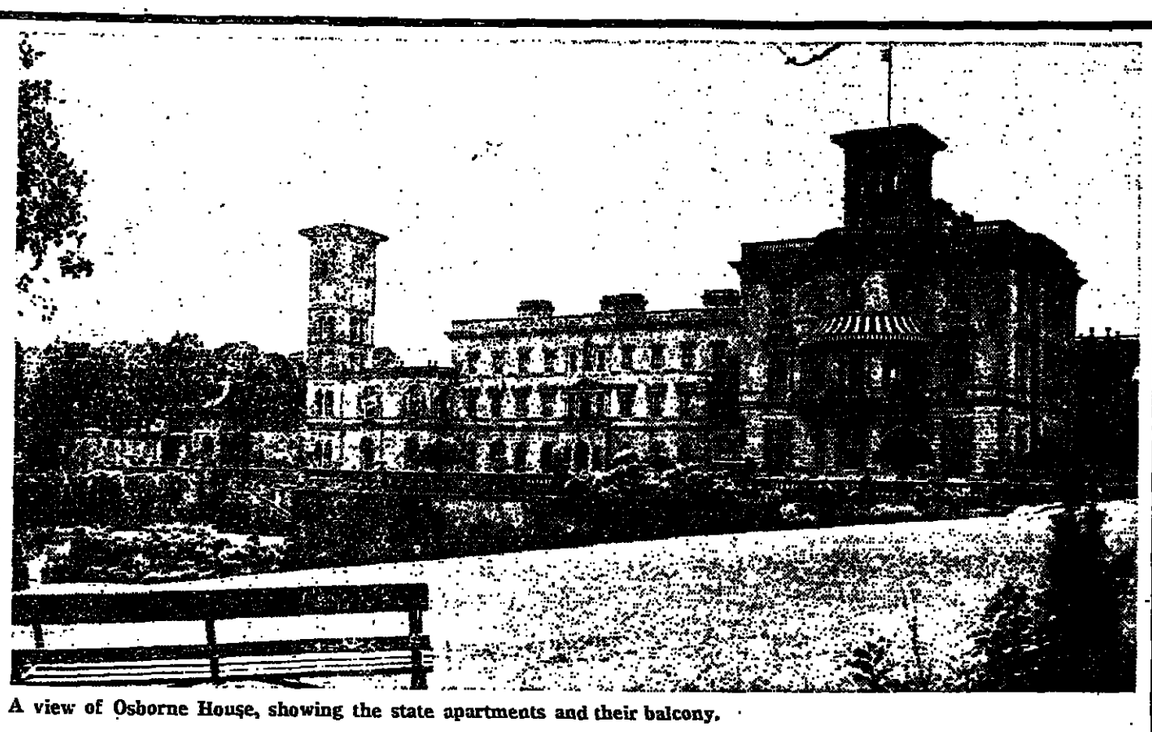
With his energetic wife, Kay, who has found time to enrol as a student at Southampton College of Art, he is comfortably ensconced in the former children's apartments, for which he pays rent to the Government. His bookshelves indicate a catholicity of tastes, although he confesses that before arriving at Osborne he knew little of the Great Queen. "I might just about have been able to remember the name of her husband, but that is all."

They both depend heavily on the services of a handful of devoted but aging staff, who will be difficult to replace. Mrs McDonald would like to expand the use of the house, for instance, to convert outbuildings as a summer art school but acknowledges the difficulty in recruiting suitable employees.

There are occasional differences, too, with the Government, which is pressing for the house to be opened to the public on Sundays, whereas on behalf of his patients Captain McDonald only reluctantly accepted Saturday opening.

Again, he feels that the contents belong intrinsically to the house. "There are no real artistice masterpieces", he points out, "but you must remember that the house was built as a sort of modern holiday villa, and the furniture and ornaments reflect contemporary Victorian taste.

"Yet, while I am scarcely allowed to do so much as put a screw in a wall, because she might not have liked it, the Lord Chamberlain's office can come along and take whatever it likes for some exhibition somewhere else. She would not have liked that.



A view of Osborne House, showing the state apartments and their balcony.

Pub owners 'could face blackmail by managers'

From Our Correspondent
Kirkcaldy

A newly discovered loophole in the Scottish licensing laws could make public house owners open to blackmail by their managers, it was claimed at a meeting of Kirkcaldy Licensing Board, Fife, yesterday.

The Duke of Fife public house at Glenrothes, Fife, has been closed by the police since December 28, when Mr Robert Stevenson, the former manager and licence holder, formally surrendered the licence.

He had agreed to resign in November, although he would remain nominally as manager and licence holder until the licence was transferred by the licensing board to a new manager. From the time he resigned he had been banned from the premises.

He formally surrendered the licence after being told that there might be charges against him, as licence holder, after disturbances at the premises just before Christmas.

Mr David McGhie, appearing for Clan Taverns Ltd, of Edinburgh, owners of the public house, said the situation was a new one in the history of Scotland's licensing laws and he could find no statutory authority or judicial opinion on the matter.

He submitted that Mr Stevenson could have legally surrendered the licence only to the licensing board. He added: "An analogous situation might be a case of a marriage. You cannot just say, forget it, I do not want it to continue, as Mr Stevenson did at 4.45 pm on the afternoon of December 28."

He added: "If it can be done this way, then it means that managers cannot be got rid of. They could say, 'If you get rid of me I will surrender the licence.' That could not be tolerated and might have serious implications throughout the industry if managers have this sort of blackmail at their control."

Certain difficulties had been overcome and it was the intention that Mr Stevenson should become manager again, Mr McGhie said.

Mr Martin Smith, clerk to the licensing board, said that on December 29, the day after the surrender of the licence, Mr Stevenson had approached him with the public house owners and solicitors and said he wished to recall the surrender of the licence.

The licensing board agreed unanimously that the licence had been competently surrendered on December 28. They also agreed that since application for a new licence had not been received in time, they would not consider a new application until their April sitting. That means that the Duke of Fife stays closed until then.

WEST EUROPE

Spanish armed forces urged by the King to live with democracy

From William Chislett
Madrid, Jan 6

King Juan Carlos appealed to the armed forces today to avoid becoming politicized and to "continue the march of history to demonstrate to the world and to ourselves that we are capable of living in peace, in democracy and in freedom."

The King made his speech during the armed forces Christmas celebration traditionally held on the day of Epiphany at the Oriente royal palace in reply to an address in which Lieutenant-General Manuel Gutierrez Mellado, the Defence Minister, said that the armed forces continued to be "worried, but confident, tense, but disciplined, conscientious and serene despite the sacrifices . . ."

The liberal general, who has made himself very unpopular with the conservative elements of the High Command, added that if the object of terrorists was to make the Army intervene "in the process of evolution" they would not be successful.

The general did not name which terrorist group he meant, but it was clear from the impartial tone of his speech that the remarks were addressed both to right-wing and left-wing extremists.

The general made it perfectly clear that the armed forces were behind the King in bringing back democracy to Spain and that they had immense confidence in him. "The crown is the union, the guide and the safest protector of the present and future Spain", he concluded.

The King asked the armed forces to respect the limitations imposed on their getting involved in political issues and to be on their guard against becoming politicized.

Discipline, he said, must be observed, including when punishments were being meted out. Disciplinary measures were recently taken against several paramilitary Civil Guards officers for "political" offences.

Since the death of General Franco, under whom the armed forces formed the main pillar of the dictatorship, the King has had to face a group of diehards reluctantly acceding to democracy. One of them Lieutenant-General Carlos Iniesta made the sign of the cross yesterday when Lieutenant-General José Vega Rodriguez alluded to two communist generals who commanded Republican armies during the Civil War.

Madrid, Jan 6.—The Spanish armed forces have launched a campaign to improve their political image, but coupled it with a veiled reminder that they could intervene if civil authority breaks down.

In newspaper articles marking the armed forces' celebration of the new year, senior generals reiterated their mission of neutrality and safeguarding the constitutional order and the independence, integrity and sovereignty of Spain.

They mounted a public relations exercise after press reports of dissent within the forces both on military reforms and political changes since the death of General Franco two years ago.

Lieutenant-General José Vega Rodriguez, the Army Chief of Staff, called on the press not to dramatize occasional arrests of officers which he described as a "corrective sanction" for light offences. Sensational reports of such arrests could amount to defamation, punishable by law, he said.

Greek leader plans EEC tour to seek early entry

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Jan 6

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, is making plans to tour western European capitals later this month, to discuss at the highest level the prospects for Greece's early admission to the EEC, as well as the negotiation of a special Greek military relationship with Nato.

A government spokesman confirmed today that arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit were being made through diplomatic channels. He refused to elaborate, but it was learnt that London, Paris, Bonn and Brussels would be included in the itinerary.

The Greek Prime Minister is known to be relying more on the political will of the Nine to get Greece into the Community, rather than by overcoming the objections of the technocrats in the present entry negotiations. However, the timing of his visit is puzzling since it is clear that, in view of the problem of Mediterranean crops, the Community's commitments to Greece cannot be made public before the French elections in March.

The question of special military links with Nato is just as delicate, particularly after Shape's decision to assign Turkish generals to the Izmir Command which has had overall responsibility for ground and air defence of the south-east European flank.

Mr Karamanlis is anxious to reach agreement with Nato under which the Greek armed forces would be able to rejoin promptly Nato's integrated military command in the event of an East-West conflict.

This special arrangement, which has so far been vetoed by Turkey, could be a hedge against any attempt by Nato to assign to Turkey the defence responsibility for the Aegean.

According to Greek officials the problem with Nato would lose its urgency if the change of government in Turkey eventually facilitates a peaceful settlement of the Greek-Turkish disputes.

However, these officials were extremely reserved over reports that Mr Ecevit, the new Turkish Prime Minister, would soon launch a "peace offensive" and even offer to come to Athens *a la Sadat* to negotiate solutions.

They suspect this would simply be window-dressing to induce the United States Congress to lift the crippling arms embargo imposed on Turkey until some progress is achieved for a Cyprus settlement.

Recreation areas in plan for Portland quarrying

By a Staff Reporter

A plan for revitalizing the Portland stone industry while preserving and restoring the island has been produced by the quarrying industry and local authorities.

Their report attempts to resolve the conflict between quarrying and the environment. It suggests the building of a new deep water quay on the east of the island for shipping crushed stone aggregate more cheaply to south-east England and elsewhere. That could enable production to be increased from 130,000 tonnes a year to a million tonnes.

A levy on tonnage would be used to set up a fund for improving the island and providing recreation areas and outdoor museums. The new quay would be linked to the deep quarries by a private road system and a conveyor belt in a tunnel would connect with the loading point.

Quarrying would be confined to north and east Portland and the report suggests the revocation, without costs, of planning permission for stone extraction over areas of significant landscape and environmental importance in the west and south.

The report says the proposals provide a viable economic base for future quarrying and would ensure the protection, restoration and improvement of areas of environmental interest.

Falling population will close many schools by 1988, minister says

From Bert Lodge, of *The Times Educational Supplement*
York

By 1988 there might be as many as two million school places surplus to requirements, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the North of England Education Conference at York yesterday. Populations were already declining in rural areas and in some inner cities.

Although some of the spare accommodation could be used to ease pressure on crowded schools and some could be converted to be used for nursery pupils or for students in the 16-19 age group "an awful lot of schools will have to be closed and we will support local authorities who decide this is necessary", Mrs Williams said.

She declined to be specific on the effect of the closures on teachers. But among the audience of 350 administrators, dons and teachers there was a feeling that a reference in her speech to teachers "facing circumstances unfamiliar to all of us" related to the difficulty of dismissing weaker members of staffs.

Falling school rolls could be seen as a great opportunity, Mrs Williams said. The resources and money released could lead to opportunities for young people outside the compulsory age range.

She recognized that the transition from school to work was particularly abrupt in Britain, compared with Germany, for example, where four fifths of young people were trained in some skills by the time they were 18, against half here.

But Britain was making progress. There were now industrial training board links with the education service, and the recently introduced manpower services programme would enhance the prospects of early employment for young people, particularly as an education element had been introduced.

Mrs Williams said that day-release schemes could be extended with great advantage to occupational areas where there was no tradition of part-time study during the early years of employment.

The provision of maintenance for helping young people from 16 to 19 to stay on in full-time education was a vexed question, Mrs Williams said. "We recognize it is one of the most marked anomalies in our educational system that some students are on mandatory awards and others on discretionary awards.

"But any extension of the award system would cost tens of millions and at the moment our national purse strings are still tightly drawn."

Asked when a decision would be made on an examination for the "non-academic sixth former", Mrs Williams said she realized there was an urgency in schools about that. But she felt it only right to make sure that any new examination would be acceptable to employers, parents and the rest of society.

Answering a criticism that she could not guarantee that money in the rate support grant would be spent by local authorities for the intended purpose, she said she would like to see a small proportion of earmarked money in the annual grant.

She recognized that the education service was at a disadvantage compared with the Manpower Services Commission, whose money was certain to go where it was intended.

It would be easier for any education minister if the Cabinet could be assured that any earmarked grant would not reduce the block grant.

Mrs Williams condemned a recently announced Conservative scheme to provide assistance for bright pupils from comprehensives to go to direct-grant schools, which a Tory Administration would bring back.

"I think the scheme is dangerous", Mrs Williams said. "It would build in a component of failure. Teachers would be unwilling to see their brightest pupils leaving for another institution. It would be very demoralizing for the teacher and the school."

Customs officers overturned superior's car

Three customs and excise officers overturned the car of their superior, a woman, after drinking at the Christmas party she had arranged for the office, it was stated at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

When Miss Yvonne Chetwyn, aged 25, left the party, she found her car had been overturned and damaged.

Frederick Neeve, aged 24, of Standwick Road, West Kensington; John Francis, aged 20, of Tachbrook Estate, Pimlico; and Samuel Griffiths, aged 20, of Gloucester Road, South Kensington; all London, admitted causing £250 damage to the 1975 Fiat.

Det Inspector Mark Twine said that after midnight on December 21 an officer heard a bump and found the car overturned in Hopkins Street, Soho.

The three men were each ordered to pay £84 compensation to Miss Chetwyn, of West End Lane, Harlington, Middlesex.

400 media relay stations

With the entry into service yesterday of the Independent Broadcasting Authority's television relay station at Haslemere, Surrey, the number of television and radio relay stations has reached 400.

High-grade UHF colour television signals now reach more than 39 out of every 40 people in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

In brief

Poison fear as hounds die

Dublin police are investigating the deaths of 27 foxhounds belonging to the South County Dublin Hunt, which are thought to have been poisoned.

The huntsman, Mr Douglas Pedlow, said yesterday: "We do not know whether it was malicious or accidental".

Children immunized

About 30 schoolchildren at Fairfield High School, Peterchurch, near Hereford, have been immunized after the death of Frances Parker, aged 5, from complications after contracting infective hepatitis.

Star Wars' nets £1m

Box office revenue from *Star Wars*, which opened at two West End cinemas less than a fortnight ago, will top the £250,000 mark this weekend. It took £194,341 in its first 10 days.

Bus driver dies

Ten children escaped injury when their school bus crashed into a telegraph pole at Farleigh Wallop, near Andover, Hampshire, yesterday. The driver was found to be dead. It is believed he collapsed at the wheel.

Busmen's protest

Busmen at four depots of the Trent bus company in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire are working to rule in protest against the introduction of fare increases today, the busiest day of the week.

Hindsight on centre for car licences

From Tim Jones
Swansea

The Driving and Vehicle Licensing Centre at Swansea, which has been much criticized by motorists since it began to operate from its 25-acre site at Morriston four years ago, was defended yesterday by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport.

Speaking after a tour of the centre, which employs 5,500 people, he admitted however, that with hindsight his department might have preferred the establishment of several smaller centres. "When the decision was made to create this centre 10 years ago, some of the problems it would face were underestimated", he said. "It was the age in which we believed that biggest was best and computers could do everything. Since then we have realized that the biggest is not necessarily best."

He maintained that the "extremely hard-working" staff at the centre had been much maligned for errors while the centre was running in.

The centre, which keeps 40 million records and handles a million transactions a week, aimed at giving a speedy and efficient service, the minister said, but the public was not very good at filling in forms accurately. "When you feed a mistake into a computer, the result is a hiccup."

In spite of widespread criticisms levelled against the centre, staff maintain that only one serious error occurs for every 100,000 applications. That, they maintain, is a remarkably good record.

Arab prince sues police for return of car

A wealthy Arab prince is suing Sir David McNee, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, for the return of his Silver Shadow Rolls-Royce.

In a High Court writ Prince Salman Bin Abdul Aziz, aged 40, brother of King Khaled of Saudi Arabia, and Mr Dara Attar, his United Kingdom agent, seek release of the car from police custody and damages for its detention. The car cost the prince more than £14,000 when he bought it from Rolls-Royce Motors in 1974.

The prince, governor of Riyadh, and Mr Attar, of Hyde Park Crescent, Bayswater, London, claimed that the car was stolen last autumn from the underground garage of the Dorchester hotel.

The theft was reported. At the end of October Mr Attar was driving through Mayfair when he saw the Rolls-Royce parked and unattended. The police were informed. They took possession of the car.

'Compulsive' fire raiser jailed for life

James Ian Watson, aged 25, described as a compulsive fire raiser, who caused nearly £370,000 of damage, was jailed for life at Huddersfield Crown Court, West Yorkshire, yesterday.

Mr Watson, of Disney Close, Huddersfield, a married man with two children, pleaded guilty to four charges of arson.

Mr Simon Hawksworth, for the prosecution, said Mr Watson had a previous conviction for arson in 1971, when he had been jailed for three years. He said that while Mr Watson was working at a local plastics company he lost his temper and kicked over a bucket of acetone and started a fire which caused £363,500 of damage.

The company was in a converted mill, which housed five other businesses. The mill was destroyed. Mr Watson admitted starting the fire when he was arrested two months later after three more fires in the area.

Mr Hawksworth said he had broken into an unoccupied house belonging to a young couple due to be married and had set fire to it because he was angry after an argument in a public house. He also set fire to an empty mill because he could not reach lead he wanted to steal, and finally started another fire at the home of an acquaintance.

Judge Chapman told Mr Watson: "You are a danger to the public and will not be released until the authorities decide it is safe."

Lockheed affair lawyer in coma after extradition

Rome, Jan 6.—A lawyer extradited from Brazil in connexion with Italy's Lockheed bribery scandal arrived back in Rome under police guard today in a deep coma and with unexplained bruises. He was taken from the airport to an intensive care unit.

Signor Ovidio Lefebvre D'Ovidio, aged 67, has been named as a go-between in Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's alleged payment of $1.8m to Italian officials from 1965 to 1971. He is a friend of President Leone.

Police officials said he had been in an "animated state" before boarding the aircraft in Rio and a Brazilian police doctor had given him some sedatives. During the flight he felt unwell and was seen by a doctor among the passengers who gave him oxygen and heart tonics.—UPI.

No West German links: The Bonn Justice Ministry said today after completing the examination of further data sent from the United States that there was no evidence that Lockheed had bribed West German politicians (Gretel Spitzer writes from Berlin).

Airline cabin crews in three-hour strike

Lisbon, Jan 6.—Striking cabin crews of the Portuguese airline TAP won a quick victory today and returned to work three hours after walking out of their jobs for more pay.

The walkout temporarily halted the state-owned company's passenger flights in Portugal and to Madeira and the Azores.

It ended with the company agreeing to stand by an original pay offer which it had withdrawn because of an initial mistake in the cost of the extra pay to the airline.

The cabin crews received their promise of a rise as part of an agreement that ended a holiday strike by the airline's pilots a week ago.—UPI.

Biggest share for Britain

Brussels, Jan 6.—Britain obtained £64.3m in the final instalment of grants from the European Community's social fund for 1977, bringing its total receipts for the year to £87.5m, a bigger share than any other state received.

ishing industry's concern over EEC talks

Hugh Clayton

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriture, Fisheries and Food, d fishermen yesterday that next stage in the EEC empt to produce a common heries policy would be diffit. The Government has prered a list of demands exding Brussels's offers but king short of what British hermen want.

Mr Silkin remained in the istry and issued a brief tement through officials er two hours of talks.

He told a group led by Mr nathan Hall, president of the tish Fishing Federation, and resentatives of inshore hermen that the Government ould continue to insist on adoption of adequate conservation measures for the protection of the fish stocks and an effective system of enforcement of quota and conservation arrangements".

Fishermen are worried about the continuing vagueness of his statements at a delicate stage of the EEC talks. They fear that while Mr Silkin speaks publicly of their right to "a dominant preference" between 12 and 50 miles from the British coast he is bargaining in much more precise terms at private meetings with other community ministers.

Their fears were increased last month when Mr Silkin refused to comment on suggestions that he had claimed an annual catch of 962,000 tonnes for the British industry. That represents about two fifths of the total Community catch, when the European Commission had suggested that Britain should be awarded less than a quarter of it.

The federation said after yesterday's meeting: "We have made it clear all the way along that we are looking for an annual catch of two million tonnes."

British ministers and fishermen say almost two thirds of the Community's fish swim within the economic zone up to 200 miles from Britain. Fishermen in this country say they are entitled to most of them.

Mr Silkin said he wanted to win for British fishermen "their rightful share of future fishing opportunities". But his statement did nothing to meet their desire for a precise definition of what he means by "dominant preference".

UK records biggest price rises

The cumulative percentage increases in the consumer price indices for the EEC countries, Canada, US and Japan between March, 1974, and September, 1977 were: Belgium, 40.3; Denmark, 42.2; France, 43; Germany, 17.2; Ireland, 75.9; Italy, 76; Luxembourg, 33.9; Netherlands, 33.1; UK, 81; Canada, 35.6; Japan, 41.1; US, 28.6.

Answers in Parliament

A periodic digest of information given in parliamentary written replies with the sources and date on which they appeared in Hansard.

Prices, Dec 12

Battery hens: The estimated number of poultry battery units in England and Wales was 18,000-19,000 in 1971, 13,000-14,000 in 1974 and 11,000-12,000 in 1976. Most battery units had fewer than 120,000 birds. The number at present able to take more than 120,000 birds is estimated to be about sixty.

Agriculture, Dec 13

Sub standard dwellings: The number of families living in unfit dwellings in England and Wales was 710,000 in 1976. The projection for 1981 suggests that the number will be 350,000.

Environment, Dec 7

Mortgages tax relief: The total tax relief on mortgage interest in England and Scotland for 1977-78 is estimated at £970m and £45m respectively. Using June, 1976, population estimates, the average relief a head in 1977-78 is £20.90 in England and £8.60 in Scotland.

Treasury, Dec 7

Income tax rates: To make the top marginal rate of tax 50 per cent, while retaining the additional rates on investment income, would cost about £480m for 1977-78.

Treasury, Dec 8

Coal subsidies: State aid to the coal industries of the EEC this year is estimated as: £67m in the United Kingdom, £247m in Germany, £278m in France and £138m in Belgium. That amounts to 50p, £2.60, £13.30 and £19.80 per tonne respectively.

Energy, Dec 5

Sodium fluoride: Fluoride occurs naturally in ground waters in parts of Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Cleveland, Derbyshire, Dorset and Essex at concentrations at about one part a million, the level recommended by the Secretary of State for Social Services where fluoride is added.

Social Services, Dec 5

Unemployment figures: The numbers of people under 20 years of age registered as unemployed at the date of the last half-yearly age analysis were: South-east, 95,053; East Anglia, 10,631; South-west, 29,538; West Midlands, 51,783; East Midlands, 25,985; Yorkshire and Humberside, 43,454; North-west, 74,674; North, 42,009; Wales, 28,256; Scotland, 54,818 and N Ireland, 13,595.

Employment, Dec 1

Pensioners' Christmas bonus: The amount that would have to be paid this year to restore the purchasing power of the first Christmas bonus to pensioners in 1972 is £21.

Social Services, Dec 5

London arrests: The numbers of people arrested and charged with an offence in the Metropolitan Police district were: 125,913 in 1967, 140,619 in 1970 and 165,576 in 1976.

Traditionalists ready to occupy another church

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 6

Roman Catholic traditionalists in Paris plan to take over another church in the capital at the end of March or in early April, one of their leaders, Father Louis Coache, said yesterday.

He said this initiative would be taken because he had failed to obtain any "tangible sign of good will" during a secret meeting with Cardinal Marty, the Archbishop of Paris, before Christmas.

It is now 10 months since the traditionalists took over Saint Nicolas du Chardonnet, an old church on the left bank near Notre Dame. Since then the priest in charge of the church has won a court order instructing the occupiers to leave. This, however, is now the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court and Father Coache has been trying to persuade Cardinal Marty to cede it to the traditionalists.

Because this had not happened Father Coache said the second church would be taken over. It would be larger than Saint Nicolas and somewhere near the centre of the city. "The initiative has come from me", he said. "I alone am responsible and I will personally assume responsibility for carrying it out."

The seminary at Ecône, run by Mgr Lefebvre, the traditionalist leader, has received 39 new students this year, while the two other seminaries in West Germany and the United States have taken in seven and 16 students respectively. Mgr Lefebvre has already ordained 40 priests since his split with Rome.

WEST EUROPE

Mr Carter yields to French preference for going it alone

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Jan 6

President and Mrs Carter left Paris this morning for Brussels after a visit which, though brief, marks a real turning point in relations between France and the United States, both politically and emotionally.

After many attempts by the United States to influence or thwart the policy of General de Gaulle and his successors, Mr Carter has decided to accept the fact of France's independent position in Europe and in the Atlantic alliance. He has even, as President Giscard d'Estaing pointed out to the press, chosen to regard it as a positive factor.

Mr Carter also broke new ground on this visit by being the first American President since the start of the Fifth Republic at least to meet, as he did this morning, two of the three Opposition leaders, M François Mitterrand, the socialist leader, and M Robert Fabre, leader of the left-wing Radicals. This inevitably caused the raising of political eyebrows.

President Giscard d'Estaing said at a joint press conference at the Elysée Palace with his American guest that it was the first time that there had been no attempt by either country to modify the policy of the other. They had sought "what there might be in common in the approach and solution to the problems that arise".

Elaborating on the point at another press conference later, he said: "What I found positive in our conversations with President Carter is that the present American Administration realizes that the independence of French policy, the fact that there is in Europe this autonomous factor of decision, this national will to ensure its own security is, in the final analysis, a positive factor."

For many years, relations between the United States and France stumbled not because there were differences but because France did not accept that the world should be organized on the basis of two poles, from the starting point of an exclusive and privileged alliance between the United States and Russia. Until recently this different approach was regarded as an obstacle to normal relations. "Now these are not only cordial but balanced", he said.

On the emotional side, the visit was also significant in the quality of the personal relationship which it helped to cement between the two presidents, and the deep impact made on Mr Carter by his contacts with the French people.

These took place in Paris, during his "walkabout", in Normandy, and at a reception at Versailles last night which was the biggest and most sumptuous given in this temple of the old monarchy by a Republican Government.

For all the differences of temperament and background, there are points of convergence between the "idealism" of President Carter, which M Giscard d'Estaing singled out for special praise this morning, and the reformist liberalism of his host.

In this respect, yesterday's Normandy excursion into the memories of an heroic past made a profound impact on President Carter. He told an American reporter that it had been "one of the finest days of my life".

He said this morning: "On this departure from the great nation of France it is difficult for me to express how deep the emotions have been in me and among the American people for the extraordinary hospitality that has been extended to us on this all too brief visit. The many reminders of the historical alliance and the mutuality of heritage between our country and France, the common demonstration of the bravery of all fighting people who have defended liberty, have been overwhelming.

"This open demonstration of mutual commitment for the future, of the ideals and principles of our two nations, have indeed been reassuring to us and, I believe, to the rest of the world."

President Giscard d'Estaing, for his part, spoke this morning of conversations that had been "exceptionally cordial, open and respectful of the rights of the other." He also emphasized that the welcome extended to President Carter by the French people was "exceptionally cordial and warm."

President Carter's visit brought two assurances which were appreciated by the French Government. The first was his approach to European unity, which M Giscard d'Estaing said departed from the traditional reservations of the United States on this subject, and which he regarded as a positive element in international life. The second was the American commitment to the defence of Europe.

The meeting with M Mitterrand at the American Embassy lasted 25 minutes. President Carter praised the "positive and beneficial role" he played in France, while expressing concern over the alliance with the Communists, especially in the European context.

Bomb protest: A bomb shattered a Socialist Party building here early today, an apparent protest against the meeting between President Carter and M Mitterrand. Police said the blast caused extensive damage but no one was injured.—Reuter.

OVERSEAS

Israelis seek to clarify settlements policy

Jerusalem, Jan 6.—The development work decided on by the Israeli Government in the Raphiah salient in Sinai and on the Jordan West Bank are only an infrastructure and are not intended to install new settlements, the Foreign Ministry announced here today.

The ministry's statement followed a request by the American State Department for clarification of press reports that new Israeli settlements were planned on the West Bank.

The Ministry said that the work was for the extension of "arable land for the villages of the (Raphiah) region." It added: "As for the work being done on the West Bank, this is aimed at expanding already existing settlement points."

The works "conform to the Israeli peace plan, which calls for maintaining these population points even after the conclusion of peace treaties between Israel and its neighbours".

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that the Government has approved the plans for developing the Raphiah salient.

Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, today made known that he was thinking of retiring to the area himself.

A spokesman for Mr Begin said the Prime Minister, who is 64, and his wife had joined the Neot-Sinai agricultural settlement near El Arish and hoped to live there after retirement.

The settlement manager, Mr Vizhak Regev, told reporters that Mr Begin would be allocated a small bungalow "with a magnificent view of the Mediterranean".

Going it alone: President Hafez al Assad of Syria said in an interview published in Madrid today that his country was prepared to fight Israel even without Egyptian support.

He told the Spanish newspaper *El Pais* he rejected a reported statement by President Sadat of Egypt that a new Middle East war was not possible without Egyptian participation. "What Sadat said is completely without foundation", he said.

In Damascus, President Assad told a visiting American congressional delegation today that President Sadat had ruined recent efforts for a Middle East peace.

"Sadat's visit to Jerusalem ruined efforts for peace at a time when intense efforts were under way to overcome difficulties in the search for a Middle East settlement", he said. He told the American representatives: "Sadat is treading the path of capitulation, not peace". The most the Egyptians would be able to accomplish would be a separate peace pact with Israel, "which would not solve the Arab-Israeli conflict as a whole".—Agence France-Presse, Reuter and UPI.



Saying it with flowers: A garlanded Mr Callaghan being greeted by Mr Desai, the Indian Prime Minister.

Callaghan hint that India should buy British

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Jan 6

A British Labour Prime Minister following in the footsteps of Clement Attlee arrived in India today to praise the "special position" it has acquired as a developing country which has become the world's tenth industrial power.

Adopting a judgment clearly designed to delight Indian hearts, Mr Callaghan urged India not to be reluctant to show leadership in helping to solve the world's problems on the basis of the influential economic position it has built up.

The Prime Minister, who was welcomed at Palam airport by Mr Desai, the Prime Minister, turned the ceremonial occasion immediately into a friendly one. Referring to counsels he had taken from Mr Desai in the past, he said: "I always listen to him. Ne never lets me do anything else."

Mr Callaghan was then driven to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President's palace, built by the British for the Viceroy, where he is to stay during four of his five days in India. Despite the gathering dusk thousands lined many points along the route to welcome him.

As he did with President Carter, Mr Desai went immediately after arrival at the palace for an unscheduled conversation with Mr Callaghan alone. It lasted 45 minutes.

Mr Callaghan had given a hint in his arrival speech that he intended to urge India to buy more from Britain. He spoke of wishing to discuss with Mr Desai India's industrial future. It seems likely that the subject of India's choosing the Jaguar combat aircraft, which would be worth £260m if an order for as many as 40 aircraft were placed, may be raised. But it would be premature to expect any quick decision from the Indian armed services.

Mr Callaghan is understood to feel, however, that while defence purchases may help, it must be through ordinary trading deals that the gap, which reached more than £100m last year, can be closed. This is obviously a task primarily for the businessmen.

Mr Ram Chand, the Shipping Minister, told the Indian news agency today that the recent decision to take six ships from Britain on British grant aid was to avoid the 1977-78 aid lapsing. He added that aid had often not been used up in previous years. In 1976-77 out of the £112m allocated only £91m had been used.

Official sources here tonight reacted not unsympathetically to Mr Callaghan's championing in Dacca of the idea of a regional development of the water resources of India, Bangladesh and Nepal with international financial aid. But the sources emphasized that initially any such project should be studied by India and Bangladesh bilaterally as the Farakka agreement envisages.

Mr Callaghan is due to have two hours of talks tomorrow and a private lunch with Mr Desai. Later he will attend a civic reception at Delhi's Red Fort. On Sunday Mr Callaghan is to go to Agra to see the Taj Mahal.

The Prime Minister had flown in from Chittagong, Bangladesh's chief port. He had spent all the morning there underlining on his last day in that country how Britain was helping it to build up both a navy and a merchant fleet. He was received on board the Bangladesh Navy's flag ship, the Umar Farooq, formerly HMSLlandaff and referred to Bangladesh acquiring a second naval vessel soon from Britain.

Earlier he had watched cadets parade at the merchant marines academy and was told about schemes to expand the Bangladesh fleet to carry more of the country's trade. Only 14 per cent of Bangladesh exports are now moved on board its own vessels.

No news never good news in Washington

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 6

It is generally agreed amon the Washington press corps tha it's all the President's fault. H has been in office for nearly year now, and the supply o news in the capital has droppe to an all-time low.

Mr Carter has been travellir the world recently, makir news with his interpreter microphones and somethir called the Delhi Declaratio Reports from the front sugge that people travelling with hi are kept busy getting their ba into the hotel lobby by 5 a every day, but those left behi have nothing whatever to wri about.

Late last week, with a dea line upon him, an editor *The Washington Post* w faced with a whole emp column on the back page, a nothing whatever to put the It is against all journalis traditions to leave space blar just because there is no nev and the editor therefore seiz the first piece of left-over co that came to hand.

It was a piece, justifiab spiked the week before, abc *Time* magazine's man of t year. The article suggested th the chosen hero was probal President Sadat of Egypt, t that he might have to sha the glory with Mr Begin, t Israeli Prime Minister. It s that all doubts would be solved in a few days.

The newspaper published t piece of sound forecasting fo days after *Time* appeared the newsstands, with Mr Sa in solitary splendour

Behind all that lies a un serious complaint. Mr Car has not, in fact, done v much for the past six mont There was a great flurry activity when he took off which petered out during summer.

We are now told that President spends his time p paring the budget and details of the grand new forms to be revealed to astonished world this year. T *may be true, but in the me* time, it makes life exceedin dull.

Dissident jailed for another five years

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Jan 6

Rolf Mainz, a former Leipzig journalist, was sentenced by an East German court to five years' imprisonment today for "activities hostile to the state".

The trial was held in camera in a Potsdam court. Herr Mainz is already serving a four-and-a-half-year sentence for a similar conviction, according to the Committee for the Protection of Freedom and Socialism.

The committee was founded last year in connexion with the expulsion of Wolf Biermann, the dissident East German singer.

Herr Mainz was sentenced today under clauses of the East German penal code, which make any criticism of the communist state and its allies a crime punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment.

These clauses have become known as the "blank clauses" because they have no clear legal definition and can be applied at the discretion of the authorities, Herr Otto Schily, a West Berlin lawyer and committee member explained.

Yesterday, Herr Albert Mainz appealed to the West German public to help free his sons Rolf and Klaus, now in an East German jail.

Among committee members who condemned the trial and urged the release of the Mainz brothers were Günter Grass, the author, Herr Rudi Dutschke, the former student leader, and Wolf Biermann.

Herr Schily today appealed to the Socialist and Communist parties of Western Europe to support the committee's demand for the release of the Mainz brothers.

Gerulf Pannach, an East German singer, imprisoned after protesting against the expulsion of Herr Biermann but eventually allowed to leave the country, said: "Only the solidarity of international public opinion can accomplish that Rolf and Klaus Mainz are set free."

Mozambique view put to Lord Carver

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 6

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the commissioner-designate for Rhodesia, began three days of talks today with President Samora Machel of Mozambique.

He flew to Maputo, the Mozambique capital, in an aircraft lent by the United States military attaché in Pretoria after a brief stopover at Johannesburg airport. He is expected to return to South Africa on Monday with General Prem Chand, special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, for a meeting with Mr R. F. Botha, the South African Foreign Minister.

The two men were unable to see President Machel during their earlier visit to southern Africa in November and it is believed they will confine d discussions to the brief gi to Lord Carver on that t law and order during transi to majority rule under Anglo-American proposals Rhodesia and arrangements a ceasefire.

The visit to Maputo was gested by President Ma who is expected to convey Lord Carver and General Ch some of the conclusions reac at the recent summit of "fr line" presidents in Beira. I expected they will also n Mr Robert Mugabe, the j leader of the Rhodesian Pat tic Front.

No formal agenda has b drawn up for their talks Pretoria on Monday which take place after Lord Ca addresses a news confere at the British Embassy.

Bombs for embassies intercepted

By Stewart Tendler

The French police yesterday warned a number of embassies in Paris that letter bombs addressed to them have been intercepted in the past few days. Targets included the Syrian Embassy.

News of the devices was last night passed on to New Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad which is investigating the deaths this week of two Syrian Embassy staff and a senior PLO official.

The bombs, posted in Strasbourg, add fuel to speculation that the deaths and the discovery of another bomb, at the Egyptian Embassy in Bonn on Monday, may be part of a concerted attack by extremists on certain sections of the Arabic political community in Europe.

One group which has been suggested in connexion with the death of Mr Said Hammami, the Palestine Liberation Organization official who was killed by a young man on Wednesday, comprises the adherents of Mr Abu Nidal who formed a splinter organization from Al Fatah based in Iraq.

In the past few days senior diplomats from a number of Arab embassies in London have been informally discussing the situation. Mr Adnan Omran, the Syrian Ambassador, said that he thought it would be unwise to place responsibility on any one man or group.

Mr Nabil Ramlawi, one of a PLO delegation of three which arrived in London, denied reports that the PLO would carry out its own investigations in Britain into Mr Hammami's murder.

He said that the delegation had come to Britain for two reasons. One was as "a mark of our respect for our dear brother Said Hammami". The second was to accompany his body to Beirut. He would stay on and work for a time at the PLO's London offices.

Mr Ramlawi and his colleagues attended the opening of the inquest at a Westminster court yesterday. The inquest was adjourned until March. The body will be flown to the Middle East today after a service at the Islamic Cultural Centre in Regent's Park.

President's belief in strong EEC

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more than compensating for inflation.

"We have made these efforts in the name of the alliance", he said. "We hope that with a far-reaching, realistic, long-term defence programme the alliance as a whole will match or exceed the improvements which we ourselves are now undertaking."

The President's visit to the Brussels headquarters of the alliance rounded off his day in Belgium, where he arrived from Paris by air in the morning. Belgium was the last port of call on Mr Carter's whistle stop tour, which has taken him to seven countries and four continents.

Before going out to the Nato headquarters on the city's outskirts, Mr Carter paid the first visit by an American president to the European Commission, the EEC's highest executive and policy-proposing body. There he had an hour or so of discussion with Mr Roy Jenkins, the Commission President, and other commissioners.

Previous administrations had perhaps shown some "concern about a strong, united, dynamic European Community", Mr Carter told Mr Jenkins. This concern, if it had existed, was not shared by the present Administration, which considered it to be to America's advantage "to have a European Community that is united and is politically and economically strong".

For the EEC, M François Xavier Ortoli, the Commissioner for Economic Affairs, welcomed the latest support action of the dollar, but urged the need for continuing intervention to prevent erratic and destabilizing exchange rate movements that hindered the return to economic growth.

In response to a question from Mr Carter, Mr Jenkins said that while he could not hold out much hope of direct elections to the European Parliament being held for the first time on schedule in May or June of this year, he believed it was "perfectly possible" to hold them in the autumn and certain that they would take place by next spring.

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America agrees on £700m jet sale to Saudis

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Jan 6

The Carter Administration has decided to sell 60 F15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia, if it can win congressional approval. The order would be worth $1,500m (£700m).

The F15 is America's latest fighter-interceptor. The Saudis claim that they need it to defend themselves against the MiG 23s and MiG 25s flown by Iraq and Syria. The F15 is believed to be superior to both those aircraft.

The Israelis also have F15s, and although Saudi Arabia is not a frontline state, they will inevitably consider this powerful addition to the Arab arsenal with some trepidation.

President Carter, earlier in his term, said he would welcome a reduction of arms sales to the Middle East. Talks with the Soviet Union on how it might be done have yet to produce results. Congress, which has the power of veto over important arms sales, shares the President's doubts about the wisdom of sales on this scale.

The United States has just agreed in principle to sell jets to Sudan, which considers itself endangered by Ethiopia.

American arms sales during the year ending last September amounted to $11,300m, most of them to the Middle East. The figure will be greater this year, with this huge sale to Saudi Arabia and the sale of a flying radar system to Iran.

Barbados asked to check Lord Lucan link

By a Staff Reporter

New Scotland Yard has asked the Barbados police to investigate a report that a British citizen resident there has been sending money to Lord Lucan who is said to be living in South America.

Lord Lucan is wanted in connexion with the murder of Mrs Sandra Rivett, the nanny of his children, and an attack on his wife in 1974.

In the past three years detectives, led by Det Chief Supt Roy Ransom, have checked on hundreds of rumours and reported sightings of Lord Lucan throughout the world.

Strike picket shot dead in Kentucky

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Jan 6

The American coal miners' strike claimed its first victim today, a month after it began. A member of the United Mine Workers' Union, picketing a rail crossing to stop coal lorries, was shot and killed near Prestonburg, Kentucky.

A man believed to be a security guard was arrested and charged with murder.

There have been other incidents of violence involving pickets in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. Only half the country's miners are members of the union. The strikers are annoyed by the use of non-union labour to keep some mines open.

The strike is caused by the union's failure to reach agreement with the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association on a new contract. The owners want a provision inserted in it to deter unofficial strikes but the union objects.

Internal talks in Salisbury put off until next week

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Jan 6

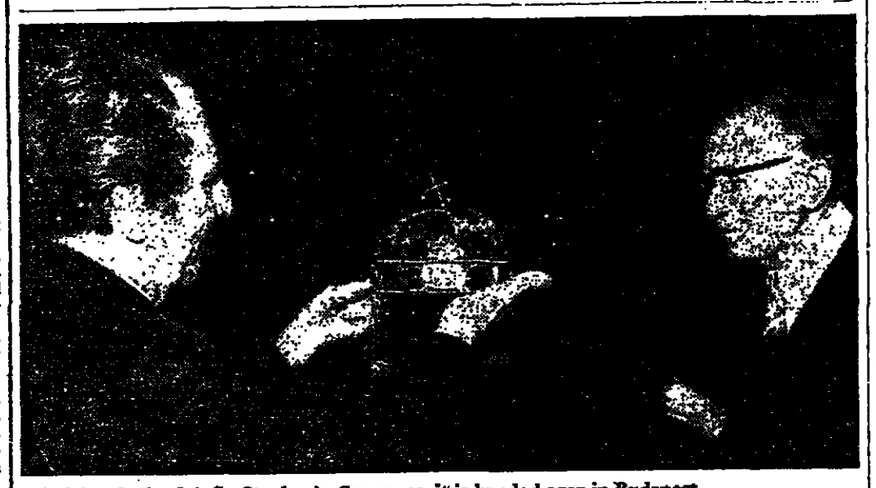
The eleventh internal settlement meeting between the Rhodesian Government and the three black nationalist groups was surprisingly postponed today. The heads of the four delegations met alone for 90 minutes and agreed to put the full conference off until next week, possibly Monday.

A statement said that Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, of the United African National Council, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole of the African National Council (Sithole) and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization, had decided to further time for considera of the proposals for a se ment.

It is understood that does not mean the talks h reached a crisis.

All four groups accept there must be an agreed s guard for minorities wri into the constitution when country becomes an indep ently led black state and a has to be found to get ro the deadlock on white re sentation in Parliament.

Both sides have already seated alternate papers, f the original proposals on w representation. Further c promises are believed to under consideration.



Admiring looks for St Stephen's Crown as it is handed over in Budapest.

Crown returned to grateful Hungarians

From Dessa Trevisan
Budapest, Jan 6

Hungary today celebrated the return of the Crown of St Stephen by paying tribute to President Carter at a ceremony in which Mr Cyrus Vance, American Secretary of State, presented the crown and the relics which the United States has kept in its custody since the Second World War.

Crowds stood in front of the Parliament building in silence as they watched the delegation arrive.

Mr Vance recalled the past links between the two nations and spoke of their present improved relations.

In a message President Carter said he was aware of the great religious and national significance the crown had for the Hungarian people.

The Hungarians are evidently satisfied by Mr Carter's gesture. Expressing gratitude, Mr Antal Apro, president of the National Assembly, said the return of the national relics fulfilled an old desire of the pople and reflected the favourable development in the world situation.

Comments in the press in the same vein also indicate that the Hungarians are expecting favourable developments in the economic field.

At the same time the newspapers are anxious to reassure their Soviet allies that the improvement of relations with the United States will not weaken Hungary's ties with Moscow. They are at pains to emphasize Hungary's special relations with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries.

Nevertheless, this past year Hungary has taken more initiatives in foreign affairs and Mr Kadar, the First Secretary of the party, has made several journeys to the West. He is to visit France shortly.

The emotional appeal the crown has to the public is also something the regime is aware of. Although the younger generation have hardly any recollection of the crown's meaning, today's ceremony has evidently reawakened national feelings of pride.

At the same time, America's gesture in returning these royal relics is seen as enhancing the image of Hungary's communist regime, certainly the most liberal and relaxed in East Europe.

Envoy's plea on 'Spiegel'

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Jan 6

Herr Günter Gaus, the West German envoy, is to take up with the East German Foreign Ministry on Monday the case of Herr Karl-Heinz Vater, correspondent of the Hamburg news magazine *Der Spiegel*, who was barred from entering East Berlin.

The East German Foreign Ministry today reiterated its conditions for allowing him to take up his duties, repeating that the magazine should give up its practice "of poisonous political propaganda", and inform the East German authorities accordingly.

Der Spiegel had rejected the East German allegations and stated that it took full journalistic care in its reporting.

New York resists demand for golden handshakes

From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 6

The new New York City administration of Mr Edward Koch is spending much of its first few days in office fending off applications from retiring officials for large sums of severance pay. It is estimated that, if all the applications are successful, it could cost the impoverished city $5,500,000 (£2,750,000) to pay off senior people.

It is the practice in most big cities that when a new mayor takes over he appoints his own nominees to important city jobs. Mr Koch has been especially ruthless in this regard, leaving several competent people from the old regime with no way of employing themselves except by working out how much they can squeeze from the civic coffers.

Most attention has been focused on the attempts by Mr Michael Codd, the former Commissioner of Police, to get himself a golden handshake. At first he asked for a tax-free annual disability pension of $46,000, on the grounds that the pressures of his office had given him unspecified heart trouble. (His salary as Commissioner, before tax, was $47,093).

This request was turned down on a technicality. Mr Codd had retired from the police once before, and it transpired that this barred him from that particular plum. But he still qualifies for a taxable pension of $42,000.

All the same, with a determination deriving from long years on the force, Mr Codd tried again for more. Now he is seeking $18,000 in severance pay, for overtime and unused holiday and sick days. City officials are entitled to take a certain number of days off sick every year without a doctor's certificate, and if they fail to be sufficiently unhealthy they can claim compensation.

Two of Mr Codd's deputy commissioners have already received more than $20,000 between them in severance pay, and another, Mr James Taylor, is claiming $23,000. The former Commissioner for Addiction Services, Mr Jerome Hornblass, has put in for $16,873.

The decision on Mr Codd is the partial responsibility of his successor, Mr Robert McGuire, who may well feel embarrassed by it. Another official, Mr Harrison Goldin, the City Comptroller, also has to approve the payments.

Mr Goldin seems to be taking a tough attitude. He has uncovered a regulation stipulating that nobody can claim for more than 54 days of unused holiday and sick days and he has already cut Mr Hornblass's entitlement in half.

House arrest after five years in prison

Johannesburg, Jan 6.—Indian business woman, f here yesterday after servir five-year sentence under Terrorism Act, was immedia placed under house arrest a further five years, it learnt today.

Mrs Amina Desai, who is was sentenced with two ot for complicity with Mr Ah Timol, an anti-apartheid act accused of "communist ac ties". He died after fal from the tenth floor of p headquarters in Johannes six years ago.

Mrs Desai's daughter, Zarina Desai is expected return from Dublin where went in 1969 after b charged under a law bar sexual relations between pe of differing races.—Age France-Presse.

Mr Eban's war

At the outbreak of the Day War in 1967, Abba E was Israeli Foreign Secret and for the first time, in forthcoming memoirs, he the inside story of desperate shuttle diplomac gain world support aga Nasser. History of 10 sleep nights begins in *The Sun Times* tomorrow.

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Diplomats in Vietnam shown pictures of Cambodian 'atrocities'

Hanoi, Jan 6.—The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry today held a press conference attended by the diplomatic corps and foreign journalists to display a film, documents and photographs illustrating the frontier incidents with Cambodia.

The pictures showed disembowelled women, decapitated children, the bodies of adults thrown into ponds and rivers, burnt out villages, churches or Buddhist temples destroyed by rockets, and tons of rice and dozens of cattle that had been destroyed by fire.

One of the photographs mounted on nine panels in the main hall of the International Club showed a letter in the Khmer language from a Cambodian spy captured on August 4, 1976. The agent, Mr Sin Sara, aged 27, from the district of Samrong, wrote that "sooner or later Kampuchea (Cambodia) will recover Saigon."

Another document showed the places, numbering about 30, where the Vietnamese claim there have been Cambodian infiltrations. These allegedly occurred along virtually the whole length of the 625-mile frontier.

Mr Ngo Dien, Director of the Press Department and assistant to the Foreign Minister, appealed to all the countries represented at the Press conference to refrain from any action in the dispute. When questioned he did not give any precise figure for the number of Vietnamese civilian casualties. He simply said that there had been "thousands".

Asked about reports that the Vietnamese had in certain places penetrated 45 miles into Cambodia, the Vietnamese spokesman said that Vietnamese forces "have not occupied one inch of Khmer territory."

Mr Ngo Dien said the Vietnamese colony in Cambodia at the start of the conflict numbered 500,000. He confirmed that Khmers had taken refuge in Vietnamese territory but refused to comment on reports that they numbered as many as 50,000.

He said that the Vietnamese side was "ready to sit down at the negotiating table". Hanoi had so far shown "patience and restraint".

Bangkok: Cambodia today claimed that invading Vietnamese troops were surrounded. A communiqué from the Ministry of Information and Propaganda implicitly ruled out negotiation. It said the Vietnamese had been "torn to pieces by the Cambodian Army and people who will wipe them out on the spot without allowing them to withdraw".

For the first time since the conflict began, Phnom Penh radio, monitored here, gave details of the territory occupied by Vietnamese troops.

It said the Vietnamese were occupying an area in the Parrot's Beak spreading 18 miles east-west and 12 miles north-south. The towns of Bavet and Prasot, eight miles east of Svay Rieng, were in enemy hands, it said.

Washington: The Vietnamese Government informed the United States that the captive American yacht Brillig and its crew of three, originally reported to have been released on Tuesday, had not left Vietnam because of bad weather, the State Department said. The yacht was taken into custody on October 12.—Agence France-Presse, Reuter and UPI.

Czech Chartists ask for release of prisoners

Vienna, Jan 6.—Czechoslovak Chartists called today for all political detainees to be freed and for security police to stop harassing human rights activists.

The appeal was issued to mark the first anniversary of the Charter-77 movement launched mainly by former Communists to spotlight a continuing Government drive against political dissidents.

The leaders of the Charter movement appealed to their Government for a dialogue about grievances, but said this "should be held in appropriate places, not in the prison cells of state security".

The anniversary declaration was circulated clandestinely in Prague, but the text was telephoned to Vienna and released by emigré sources here. It was the latest in a stream of protest documents since the first Charter manifesto was smuggled out last January.

The Charter movement also announced plans for a symbolic hunger strike in Prague next week, to coincide with a Czechoslovak Supreme Court hearing of appeals lodged by four dissidents convicted on subversion charges last October.

The latest document—containing seven demands—was signed by three spokesmen for the movement, Dr Jiri Hajek, a former Foreign Minister, Mr Ladislav Hejdanek, a philosopher, and Mrs Marta Kubisova, a former singer.

The first Charter manifesto was endorsed by 241 supporters. Leaders said the list of signatories has since increased to 932.—Reuter.

Warsaw, Jan 6.—Fourteen intellectuals and former Communist Party officials, including a former party leader, have called for "a clear-cut programme of political and economic reforms" and a dialogue with non-communists.

The call was contained in a letter written last October to Mr Edward Gierek, the party leader, and made public today.

The signatories included Mr Edward Ochab, a former first secretary of the party and later head of state, and other leading figures associated with the October, 1956 shift from Stalinism.

They called for more democracy within the party and "a frank confrontation of views of Communists, of members of other political parties and of non-aligned people."—AP.

In brief

Chess rivals head for a draw

Belgrade, Jan 6.—Former world chess champion Boris Spassky and Russian defector Viktor Korchnoi today adjourned the sixteenth game of their final candidates' chess match in a position that experts said should end in a draw. Korchnoi leads the 20-game series by 8 points to 7.

Spassky, playing white, used the Queen's pawn opening. The game, adjourned after 42 moves, is to be resumed tomorrow.

Greece snowbound

Athens, Jan 6.—Gales and heavy snow paralyzed communications in Greece today, causing widespread damage. Athens airport was closed and all passenger ships were ordered to remain in port.

Refugees saved

Darwin, Jan 6.—A crippled boat with 26 Vietnamese refugees on board but no food, was towed into Darwin by a fishing trawler which found it going round in circles off the north-west coast.

Flight recorder found

Bombay, Jan 6.—The Indian Navy has found the flight recorder of an Air India jumbo jet which crashed into the sea on New Year's Day killing all 213 people on board.

Six die in Namibia

Pretoria, Jan 6.—Four guerrillas and two South African soldiers have been killed in a clash in northern Namibia (South-West Africa).

US bribes investigators fly to Seoul

Washington, Jan 6.—A team of senior American Justice Department officials left for Seoul today to question Mr Tong Sun Park, a wealthy South Korean businessman, about alleged pay-offs to American congressmen.

The Justice Department has agreed to drop bribery charges against Mr Park, one of Washington's most lavish party givers until he fled the United States last year, if he returns here to give evidence in the investigation into alleged influence buying by South Korean officials.

Mr Park is accused of handing out thousands of dollars to buy friends for South Korea.

In Seoul, the Foreign Ministry said today that Mr Park should not have to give evidence before the congressional committee despite the fact that a subpoena has been issued.

Dissident told to find lawyer

Moscow, Jan 6.—The KGB security police today told the family of Anatoly Shcharansky, a detained Jewish member of the "Helsinki" dissident group, to find him a lawyer by next Friday, dissident sources said.

They said this meant the pretrial investigation would be completed by then if it was not already over. But it could be months before any final decision about the trial would be known.—Reuter.

Three held after death of Grenada minister

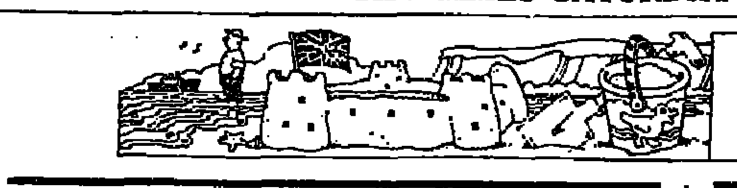
St George's, Grenada, Jan 6.—The police ended a day-long hunt for the killers of Mr Innocent Belmar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture, by arresting a third man last night.

They said that the man, believed to be the principal suspect, had been hiding in a banana shed. Two other suspects were held earlier in the day.

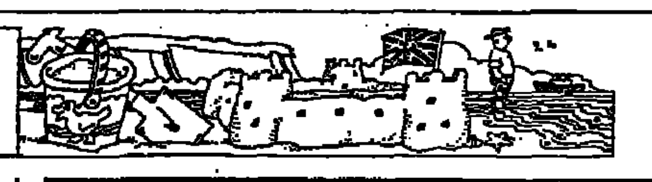
Mr Belmar, who was 42, died yesterday in hospital. All-night efforts by doctors had failed to save his life.

The police said that he had been shot once in the abdomen outside a restaurant in Grenville on Wednesday evening.

Mr Belmar was a senior police officer until the pre-independence troubles here in 1974. A commission investigating charges of police brutality during the riots recommended his dismissal.—Reuter.



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Saturday Review





Which is the real Marie Corelli? The "sweet young lady" on the left is how she wanted to see herself. The true-life Marie is on the right.

Living a life of fiction

Brian Masters

Marie Corelli's career is a comment on the fragility of fame, at least the fame of the best-selling novelist. Few people today remember who she was, yet, before the era of broadcasting, few authors had ever secured such a vast audience as she. While Queen Victoria was alive, Marie Corelli was the second most famous Englishwoman in the world. At the height of her popularity, between 1890 and 1906, she sold about 100,000 copies of her books every year. Her nearest rival was Hall Caine, who sold approximately 45,000 a year, and Mrs Humphrey Ward followed with 35,000. In comparison, H. G. Wells could boast only 15,000 a year. It was not uncommon for a first edition of a Corelli novel to sell out in one day. *Temporal Power* had a first printing of 120,000, quickly followed by another 30,000 the same week. Queen Victoria commanded all her books to be sent to Balmoral, and the Queen's diary records Princess Beatrice reading a Corelli romance to her in bed.

Gladstone called on her to express his admiration, Ella Wheeler Wilcox knelt at her feet in homage, and Edward VII chose her as the only writer to be invited to his coronation. Soldiers took her books with them to the Boer trenches. Her name has even passed into Cockney rhyming slang: to see something "on the Marie" is to see a programme on the television (*Marie Corelli—telly*).

The reasons for Marie Corelli's success are not immediately apparent. The literary establishment treated her with contempt, and nearly all the reviews she received were hostile. Her first book, *A Romance of Two Worlds* (1886), which treats of interstellar travel by means of personal electricity, and has one character addressing another as "you beautiful living bit of Lightning", was received with guarded disbelief by the critics. The *World* called it "a tolerable thing enough", but warned that "if the writer intends us to take it seriously—as her preface seems half to suggest—it is pure bosh". When *The Soul of Lilith* appeared a few years later, the *Pall Mall Gazette* published such a vicious piece that Marie collapsed on reading it, and had to be put to bed. "It would be impossible in columns of extracts", said the reviewer, "to convey any adequate idea of the platitude-in-extravagance which pervades this book from end to end. If it were amusing one could forgive it; but there is something so frigid and mechanical in the whole thing that it does not even raise a smile. This is the one really remarkable feature of Miss Corelli's achievement—that amid all her absurdity she should contrive to be so dull." One critic dismissed *Barabbas* with a sentence: "Now Barabbas was a rotter." With the publication of *The Sorrows of Satan* in 1895, Marie Corelli announced that no novel of hers would thenceforth be submitted to the press for review, which of course further assured its notice, and did nothing to harm sales. *The Sorrows of Satan* broke all records and had very soon sold more copies than any previous novel in the English language.

The critics were exercised both by Miss Corelli's presumptuous moral evangelism, the certainty with which she inveighed against the moral turpitude of the nation, equipped with an inadequate understanding, and by the impossible style of her language, which had pretensions to literary excellence, but rarely rose above cliché. Brows always "knitted into a frown," people who were not dead were "in the land of the living", priests wore "glittering raiment," laughter always came in ripples and eyes always danced with amusement.

In *Temporal Power* there is this splendid sentence: "Then the Queen arrived, and came towards her with her usual slow noiseless grace." Invariably, the reader was made to feel cosy in the recognition of words juxtaposed as they had been before, and vaguely to appreciate that this must therefore be Literature. When she talked of Henley Street in Stratford-upon-Avon as "the centre aisle of the cathedral of literature", they thought this poetic. Critics thought it absurd, and delighted in saying so.

Poor Marie! She gave her enemies so much ammunition. Mixed metaphors and split infinitives abounded. *Thelma* has the following unexpected treats: "That trifling elevation of his countenance called by courtesy a nose," "She smiled up at him from the depths of the velvet lounge in which Errington had placed her." There was much evidence of that enthusiasm which moves the novice who has just discovered the fun of words and has not yet learnt the lesson of simplicity. Over-writing was her biggest stylistic error. The sun and the moon were not allowed to be so banal; they were "those two fair luminaries which light and warm our earth," while wine was characterised as "the generous juice that warms my soul to song."

Occasionally, there was a delicious malapropism to relieve the strain. The author certainly intended no *double-entendre* when she wrote that her main character, having expressed vivid admiration for a sixteen-year-old girl, "mentally ejaculated." Nor did she imply anything gross in telling us that her hero was "entirely knocked up".

As so often happens with the romantic novel, the priestess of moral purity who sees herself as a messenger with a divine purpose to correct the ways of the world, herself indulges in unwitting subtle pornography which turns her readers on in a way which would horrify her. Her heroines are all good and chaste, the villains always thwarted by the power of goodness, nobody ever goes to bed but to sleep, and yet the Ealing Public Library banned her books for their pernicious influence, and the *Westminster Review* called her "a social menace . . . an erotic degenerate of the subtlest type . . . the symbol of our superficial generation". All of which confirmed her belief that England was going to the dogs and increased the bigotry of her pronouncements. Had there been a Viewers' and Listeners' Association in her day, Marie Corelli would have been the obvious candidate for President; indeed, she would not have allowed anyone else the honour.

It is easy to dismiss Corelli novels as rubbish, or to agree with Oscar Wilde, who, when asked by a warder at Reading gaol if Marie Corelli could be considered a great writer, replied: "Now don't think I've anything against her moral character, but from the way she writes she ought to be here." But rubbish which attains such universal popularity requires some explanation. "If 50,000 people buy a novel whose shortcomings render it tenth-rate", wrote Arnold Bennett, "we may be sure that they have not conspired to do so, and also that their strange unanimity is not due to chance. There must be another explanation of the phenomenon." Bennett also proclaimed that nearly all bookish people were snobs to assume that a writer who is enjoyed by plain persons merits only indifference and disdain. There is some truth in this. Whereas before, the educated reader had set the standards by which literature was to be judged, he was now swamped, at the end of the nineteenth century, by the tide of suburban intelligence whose demands were pitched much lower. Marie Corelli came to prominence as universal education was producing a more literate, if not more sophisticated, reading public, and the demise of the three-decker novel in favour of one volume edition brought novels to a larger section of the population. *The Sorrows of Satan* was one of the first to be issued in one six-shilling volume.

Marie held her audience spellbound, hypnotized, because she shared their prejudices, and could be relied upon to be second-rate even at her best. She made few demands upon the perception of the reader. On the contrary, she held his hand and assured him she would see him through to the end of the story, whereupon he would emerge a better person for the experience. She had a commonplace mind. Her simplistic view of the world, of God and of love, of motive and accident, her vitality, her sentiment, all this made her the perfect romantic novelist.

Her books were always peopled with the same dummies, giving them the supreme value of predictability, and avoiding the necessity for the reader to summon up a fresh response to a new situation. Marie's public was unable to distinguish between literature and trash, and was moreover unwilling to try. All that they asked of her was that she should stabilize attitudes they already cherished, by provoking stock mechanical responses which obviated the need for genuine thought or feeling. Marie obliged, thinking to do the opposite; she was an innocent. She believed quite firmly that she was engaged on the creation of literature, an illusion she was able to sustain by an impenetrable armour of self-defence, and a fundamental immaturity of emotion. She saw the adult world through a child's eyes, and had a child's reaction to the imperfection she perceived.

She retreated into a facile optimism which maintained that Life could be beautiful if only we would reject the evil and embrace the good. To this she added the element of Hope, the promise that the mysteries of God's world would be dispelled at the appropriate time: she appealed to discontented souls and gave them a powerful injection of self-confidence by her example and by her robust style.

It is precisely because there was identity of mental development and ethical preoccupations between author and reader that Marie was able to speak with unparalleled directness to her public and to enjoy a power which few have ever been able to equal. She seemed to know this strength within her even before she knew success; it impelled her forward with the faith of a fanatic. In 1890 she had written of this feeling to her first publisher, George Bentley:

> My dear friend, the public heart is so full of multitudinous aches and pains that I ache and burn with it, and out of that close and intense sympathy, I write . . . I know instinctively how in this period of rush and infinite weariness and cynicism, the multitude crave for something higher and more lasting, and ask to have their feelings set into words.

Seventeen years later, after much punishment at the hands of the literary reviewers, she still wrote: "I can feel the pulse of the people ringing and beating through me as if I were a mere glass bell for it to sound against. . . . Do not be weary of trying to instruct the people. It often seems hard. Ruskin broke his heart over it."

Her approach was anti-intellectual. To those who sneered, she replied that she wrote from the heart, not, like a professor, from the brain alone, and it was thus she was able to enter into a communion with her admirers and carry out her good work. "I have always tried to write straight from my own heart to the hearts of others, regardless of opinions and indifferent to results", she said, and paid due tribute to the influence of Carlyle on her attitude. The *Pall Mall Gazette* commented: "Education, knowledge of life, knowledge of English, these are nothing. What is wanted for a 'literary' success is a heart; nothing pays like it."

Conscious of what she considered to be her responsibility to instruct, Marie Corelli used her dangerous power to mingle vague poetic sensibility with lofty philosophizing and sturdy religiosity in an attempt to mould public opinion against the incursions of Darwinism and scientific scepticism. Undoubtedly she thought her function was to comfort a population assailed by the insidious attractions of rationalism. Hence her sermonizing. Her books were frequently used as the basis for sermons from the pulpit. The fact that she was pilloried for her teaching merely added to her prestige. With great intuitive wisdom she knew that her message would carry more weight if she herself bore misfortune bravely, if she could conform to the ancient archetype which required the healer at the same time to be a man of suffering, a wounded creature.

She alluded frequently to herself as a voice in the wilderness, knowing that martyrdom added a sacred dimension to her mission. The letters she received proved her point. "You have made the next world a living thing to me", wrote an admirer, "and raised my feelings above the disappointments and trials of this life." Another said that Marie's novels had brought her back from the brink of suicide, and a third claimed to feel a better woman for the reading of her novels twice.

To this day, those who remember Marie assert that her books were read only in the servants' hall, and were forbidden "above stairs". This is not true. The middle classes were just as addicted, though for different reasons. Marie filled her books with wicked "society ladies". Insufficient familiarity with the world in which they moved did not deter her and, amazingly, the upper classes appeared to enjoy being flogged in print by Miss Corelli. It has been said that society loved to hear its vices abused, whether in church or in fiction, and that this abuse was the precursor of the moral stripping now undertaken by psychoanalysis.

As for technique, Marie Corelli relied upon virile imagination coupled with relentless vitality. All her characters owe their existence to fantasy, rather than observation. She depicted an ideal world in which *people like herself* would be valued and cherished, while the intellectuals would be damned to perdition. She was not unaware that her method was escapist. "I am once more on the track of imaginative romance", she wrote, "a relief from the horrible 'realities' of life that sicken and weary one's soul." She placed "realities" in inverted commas because, to her, they were less real than the fantasies she created. "It is a sort of double life that I lead. In my study my *own* people take visible shape and I hear them talk, I see their gestures—I am *en rapport* with them all; in the drawing-room, when I see visitors of flesh and blood, these seem to me *the shadows.*"

That is why her narrative was so vivid and her life so tragic. Personal relationships were impossible for her. She made enemies of all her friends (except the faithful Bertha, her companion), she never married, she was in love only once, at the age of 5 and she died without kith or kin. All trace of her has been *erased.* And yet her books still sell.

Sincerity was her most valuable quality. She wrote with the earnestness of passionate conviction, without sophistication, selection, devices or tricks. She endured because she believed every word that she wrote, sweeping thousands along with her into the vortex of her enthusiasm. As Rebecca West has written: "No one can write a best seller by faking thought. The slightest touch of insincerity blurs the appeal."

So much for theory. Marie helped sales in a practical way by creating an air of mystery about herself. In the first place, she refused to be photographed, so that for 20 years *no one* knew what she looked like. Rumours spread that she was five feet tall, squat and buxom, awash with ostrich feathers, and dressed like an adolescent girl. But when finally she permitted an "official" photograph to be published as the frontispiece of *The Treasure of Heaven* in 1906, it was as a sweet young lady in her early twenties that she was depicted, in a manicured pose and with a soleful stare. This was mathematically impossible, since her first book had appeared 21 years earlier, but no one could say with any accuracy how old she was. The original of this photograph has now turned up, showing what the camera saw before the photographer was bullied into removing signs of age ("What is this stoutness?" she had scrawled across it), enabling us now to see her in a way that her fans never could.

The approval of Queen Victoria, which Marie was careful to publicize, naturally added to her image, although one unkind commentator suggested that Her Majesty used Corelli books as a soporific. To support her contention that she was half Italian, she imported from Venice a gondola and gondolier, and caused herself to be rowed along the River Avon from Stratford every day, with Bertha, both ladies diving under a blanket whenever a camera was produced. Her birth, also, was shrouded in mystery.

Was she the *illegitimate* daughter of Charles Mackay, erstwhile editor of the *Illustrated London News* and author of appalling verses? Or his adopted daughter? Was she descended from Arcangelo Corelli? Was she found in a church doorway? Was her mother American? Scottish? Italian? All possibilities were bruited, and Marie did nothing to dispel the confusion, which enhanced the romantic idea of the artist of unknown origin. Even now, no authentic birth certificate has been found, and only the sum of probabilities points to her being Minnie Mackay. She used other pseudonyms before she discovered the perfect "Marie Corelli".

Her novels have never been *entirely out of print.* About half the titles are available now on American booksellers' lists, and in England, antiquarian and second-hand bookshops report a steady turnover in her titles, especially with West Indian immigrants. (The story is that her remainders titles were dumped in Jamaica in the thirties, with the consequence that a number of Jamaicans have learnt to read with Corelli books.) The *New York Times* Book Review section published in 1976 a startling article by, of all people, Henry Miller (whose *Tropic of Cancer* would have caused Marie apoplexy), calling for a reassessment. "It is my belief that if a revival of interest in her work is aroused it will be by young people or by those same sort of enthusiasts who made Herman Hesse, Knut Hamsun and Isaac Bashevis Singer."

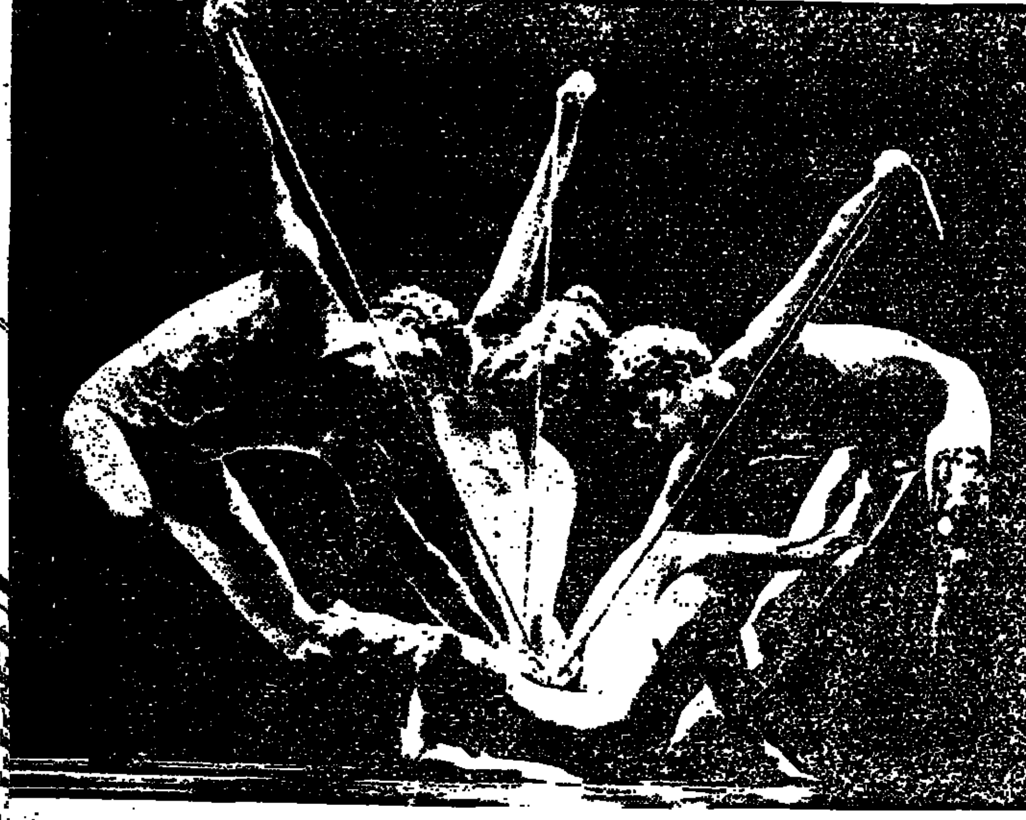
Meanwhile, her name means little to the modern reader. Her house in Stratford-upon-Avon, where she went to live in order to be close to Shakespeare, and where she made a holy nuisance of herself, is now the Shakespeare Institute belonging to the University of Birmingham. All her furniture and belongings were long since auctioned and dispersed. The house in London, at 47 London Road, Earls Court, where she wrote *The Sorrows of Satan,* now belongs to the Egyptian Embassy. A removable plaque was far a time hanging beneath the ground floor window, but such was the ephemeral nature of her extraordinary career that her name was mis-spelt CORRELLI.

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Scene from "Dust"

Dancing at its most radiant

Paul Taylor
Brooklyn Academy

John Percival

For years my friends in New York have been telling me what a marvellous institution Brooklyn Academy *is*, with just one snag unless you happen to live in Brooklyn: its location. Imagine the National Theatre having been built last century in Chiswick and you have some comparison. Getting back to Manhattan after performance is not too bad: an express bus leaves soon after curtain fall and races up-town with occasional stops between Greenwich Village and Central Park.

But to get there from the theatre, business or social centres you have a choice: to sit fuming while the evening traffic jams build up around the bridges, or to take the subway, which is fast, cheap, noisy and sordid. However, it does bring the chance to observe New York's unique brand of pop art, the work of the graffitists who obsessively cover every inch of wall and much of the windows with patterns and messages.

The Academy goes one better than the National Theatre by having four auditoriums: two big theatres and two studios. It was the largest of them, the Opera House, that made me undertake the journey to see the two programmes given during Paul Taylor's latest season. Only a year ago Taylor disbanded his company because of a financial crisis, but luckily he had admirers willing to put their money where their hearts were and now he has a new board of directors to worry about the cash, a new streamlined administration and an exceptionally fine team of dancers.

He also goes on renewing his repertory at an astonishing rate. Three of the works given are new this year, others date only from 1976 and 1975. Fortunately, a handsomely danced revival of *Post Meridiani*, created in 1965, shows that the old repertory is not being entirely lost.

The quality of the recent productions is such that I should find it hard to say which is the best. I think my vote, if pressed, would go to *Images*. A suite of eight dances to piano pieces by Debussy (from Book 1 of "Images" and the "Children's Corner" suite), it begins and ends with patterns based on circles and is punctuated by processional friezes.

In between come episodes for soloists or couples: a duet in which Ruth Andrien and Elie Chaib move in parallel without direct contact, a galloping number for Nicholas Gunn with a group of women. Two of the recent recruits, Victoria Uris and Christopher Gillis, are prominently featured, she in a solo full of quiet mystery, he in an irrepressibly gambolling ensemble.

Gene Moore's costume designs set the work in ancient Crete, with its lightly clad male athletes and bare-breasted goddesses. The mixture of intense energy beneath a calm surface that makes up Taylor's choreography provides a plausible style for that lost civilization.

A comparable mixture of elements is found in *Cloven Kingdom*, but used to comic purpose. Taylor provides this work with an epigraph from Spinoza, "Man is a social animal", but he seems capriciously to put the stress on the last word of the phrase. There is, for instance, a dance for the four men of the cast (Gunn, Chaib, Gillis, and Robert Kahn), snazzily attired in white tie and tails by After Six, Inc, during which their elegant posturings keep being interrupted by jungle rhythms and a hint of swinging paws.

The intricacy, energy and subtlety of this dance build to a climax guaranteed to bring a roar of applause. But showstopping is not the name of the game with Taylor's dancers; other people's emphases are their throw-away inflexions, and it is the cumulative effect that leaves audiences stunned with admiration.

I cannot see the other comedy given at Brooklyn lasting long in the repertory. In *Aphrodisiamania* Taylor has been too much influenced by a collaborator, Charles Ludlam, founder of New York's Theatre of the Ridiculous. His scenario proves a laboured, tired version of *commedia dell'arte* intrigue with too many literary and not enough visual jokes.

The plot turns on a snake elixir that is a potent aphrodisiac, and Taylor gets some bawdy fun out of it, including a priapic solo for the old father after he has sipped the potion and a tumescent snake that neatly parodies Martha Graham's love of significant stage properties. But calling a pair of servants Linguini and Fetuchina does not make *them* funny in a ballet (I doubt whether it would do much for a play); only the military suitor, General Havoc, played with immense bluster by Lila York, and Nicholas Gunn's luxuriously oily portrait of the mountebank become interesting characters.

The other recent work, *Dust*, also has its moments of macabre humour in Taylor's *Churchyard* idiom. Susan McGuire, a recent transfer from the Graham company, has a solo that would be lyrical if one arm were not bent close to her body all the time as though deformed; later she becomes the one-eyed leader of a blind kingdom. There is a frightening moment too, when three dancers seem suddenly to jerk long cords out of Monica Morris's belly.

Taylor has always been conscious of what golden girls and lads must come to, and the delicate ambiguity of his dances in *Dust* are well matched to Poulenc's *Concert Champêtre*, Gene Moore's costumes find a similar allusiveness by decorating the white tights with flower patterns that could equally well be suppurating wounds.

Golden, however, is what Taylor's dancers are. Bettie de Jong appears little nowadays, but her influence remains as rehearsal mistress. Nicholas Gunn, also, is about to turn his talents to acting. But Taylor's ballets are such a joy that he seems to have no lack of replacements, and those who have joined over the last year or two are settling in well. To see this company darting and tumbling through the virtuosity of Taylor's *Esplanade*, led with blithe gaiety by Carolyn Adams, is to know what good dancing can achieve at its most radiant.

Spine Chiller

Duke of York's

Ned Chaillet

Not long ago I met an actor whose hobby was collecting bad reviews, plays which, however long or short their runs, had gloriously displayed or buried deep a kernel of unforgettable wrongness. *Spine Chiller*, by his standards, is a certain collector's item. It is so wrong that it might prove a collector's item for a far wider audience, making itself a cult yardstick in the measurement of mistakes.

Older critics remind me that there was a time when productions such as *Spine Chiller* opened every week, but I think they romanticize. London might take one such play, might even take it to its bosom, but if they opened at a rate of one a week there would be so many theatres empty that new productions would have no time at all to rehearse, and George Baxt's play is definitely rehearsed.

To delay no longer, I will tell you about the first act, which reaches heights of madness the second act never approaches. There is even a danger in the second act that Mr Baxt's passage to logical conclusion will dampen the unfettered preposterousness of his opening, but so tangled are the strands of coincidence that even diagrammatic confessions for the two sets of murders are unlikely to satisfy, although they take the edge off the first act.

The first murders have occurred 10 years before the action opens, during the rehearsals of a play called *Spine Chiller*. The play's author and director, Wesley Maddox, has had affairs with several of the actresses in the company, and at points where dramatic deaths are rehearsed, two of his lovers are actually murdered. Throwing suspicion off his trail permanently, Wesley himself is murdered before the play can open.

In the first act rehearsals are once again under way on the play *Spine Chiller*, in the same New York theatre where the first deaths occurred, with the surviving actors from the first production and a few new faces. The most obvious new face is that of a young black director, played by Samuel E. Wright, who tells the company he is going to work them like whites and who has the same confusion of sexual relationships that seems to have tripped old Wesley. Despite the presence of a police inspector, history begins to repeat itself with a knifing and a hanging.

The fresh murders are apparently wonderful news for the box office, but we learn this only because the company keeps on rehearsing despite its mortality rate, prompted by the detective. The action, overendowed with thunderstorms in Stockton Briggle's production, never leaves the rehearsal stage except to let the director and inspector prowl the auditorium while bad actors supposedly upstage each other and pass bitchy remarks and murderous threats in rehearsal.

What is actually happening is that some good actors, including Sian Phillips as the leading lady and one of Wesley's surviving lovers and Gretchen Franklin as a venomous wardrobe mistress wielding scissors and secrets, camp up the parts of bad actors overacting. No one overacts so much as Paul Daneman as the detective, a rumpled man in a rumpled trenchcoat spouting rumpled jokes in a caricature of all tough cops

Spine Chiller is not a show likely to appease the famous twelfth night spirits of the West End, and unless it is taken up by connoisseurs of catastrophes it is not likely to do much to lift the curse of short runs that seems to have afflicted the Duke of York's. Perhaps the curse has to do with the tiny glasses of wine on sale in the theatre bars.

Pears, Perahia

Wigmore Hall

Stanley Sadie

...a measure of the seriousness and the wholeness we expect from music-making these days that a partnership like that between Peter Pears and Murray Perahia can exist and can give a recital which impresses as much as did Thursday's at the Wigmore Hall. Here we had a fine singer of ..., notable less for the beauty of his tone than for the ... and subtlety of his expression, partnered not by a ... accompanist but by a ... pianist who is an interpreter in his own right and ... like one.

The result was an evening with many strong, suggestive, thought-provoking ...s, especially in the performance of *Dichterliebe*. Mr ... sees clearly the role of Schumann's postludes in summarizing, or distilling, the emotion of a song. We saw this, for example, in the way he continued and intensified the floating line of "Ich will meine Seele tauchen", or made more manifest the darkness and turbulence of "Im Rhein", or brought definition so poignantly to the desolate "Am leuchtenden Sommermorgen".

This, then, was truly a partnership performance, each artist responding to the other. One could note the delicate shaping of line endings in "Die Rose die Lilie", the flexibility of tempo and responsiveness to harmony in "Ich grolle nicht", the heightening of feeling offered by the two in turn in the answering phrases of "Wenn ich in deine Augen seh'". Peter Pears himself used his variety of tone characteristically, for example, in that song, allowing a new warmth and softness at the closing line, and finding a true sweetness for "Allnächtlich im Traume". His lower and middle registers often sounded particularly full.

Yet in the first half of the recital, when he offered songs by Haydn and Britten, he was probably in still better voice. Again purposefully supported by Mr Perahia, he sang sturdily in the nautical music of his first Haydn canzonet and with specially delicate and well moulded phrasing in the two slower songs, the gems of this group, "She never told her Love" and "Content".

The Britten Michelangelo sonnets were superbly done, with their rhetorical force set against cool refinement, athletic articulation opposed to long expressive lines, and hints of an Italianate cantabile contrasted with the vividly poetic, fragmented textures so typical of Britten's music for Pears. After 35 years these songs remain breathtakingly original, and not least through their taut and original piano figuration, which came over hardly less potently in Mr Perahia's performance than it used to in those by the composer himself.

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"ROY HUDD's splendid performance." S. Tel. "Talented JOAN TURNER." D. Mail. "Capital fun ... the show is a delight." D. Tel. OLIVER! RETURNS TRIUMPHANTLY ... CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO SEE IT AGAIN.—D. Mir. NOW BOOKING THROUGH 1978

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SOMETHING'S AFOOT
"Infusing the theatre with unalloyed joy. High Octane hilarity. PERFECT FAMILY SHOW."—S. Exp. "I loved every daft minute of it."—Dly. Mir.

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SIOBHAN McKENNA
as Sarah Bernhardt in MEMOIR with Niall Buggy. 8.0 Mon. Tu. 3. St. 5

APOLLO. 01-437 2663. Evs. at 8.0. Mat. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. "DONALD SINDEN IS SUPERB "New
SHUT YOUR EYES AND THINK OF ENGLAND
"WICKEDLY FUNNY," The Times. "GREAT ENTERTAINMENT", N.o.W.

ART THEATRE. 836 2132 "Hilarious. See it."—S.T.
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"ELVIS"
Staggeringly effective.—Times.
"ELVIS"
Performed with a verve rare in British musicals. The show literally had the audience dancing in the aisles. This "Elvis" is marvellous.—Sunday Express.

CAMBRIDGE. 836 6056. Mon. to Thur. 8. Fri., Sat. at 5.45 & 8.30
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"PULSATING MUSICAL."—E. News. THIRD GREAT YEAR
Seat prices £1.50 to £4.50. Dinner and Top price seat £7.75 inc.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE. Tel. 01-836 7040. Today 11.0 & 2.0. All seats £1.50 for 11.0 perf. Richard Goolden, Ian Talbot, John Warner, David King in
TOAD OF TOAD HALL

CHURCHILL 460 6677 Bromley, Kent. 22 Dec-28 Jan. DICKIE HENDERSON, UNA STUBBS, LYNDA BARON, BILL OWEN in CINDERELLA.

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Directed by Harold Pinter LAST WEEKS. Must end Jan 21.

CRITERION. 930 3216 (Credit Cards) Eves. 8. Sats. 5.30, 8.30. Thurs 3.
LESLIE PHILLIPS
"Impeccable ... a master." S. Tms.
in **SEXTET**
"HILARIOUSLY FUNNY."—N.o.W.

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A CHORUS LINE
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"The nudity is stunning."—D. Tel. 8th SENSATIONAL YEAR

DUKE OF YORK'S. 01-836 5122. Mon.-Sat. 8.00. Mats. Wed. 3.00 & Sat. 5.00. SIAN PHILLIPS, PAUL DANEMAN in SPINE CHILLER. Tickets from £1.80 to £3.80. Instant Credit Card Reservations. Dinner & Top Price Seat 7.50.

FORTUNE. 836 2238 Evgs. 8 Thur. 3. Sats 5 & 8 Muriel Pavlow as Miss MARPLE in
AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MURDER AT THE VICARAGE
Third Great Year!

GARRICK THEATRE. 01-836 4601 Evgs. 8.0. Wed. Mat. 3.0 Sats. 5.15 & 8.30
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PAUL EDDINGTON AMANDA BARRIE in the SECOND YEAR of
DONKEY'S YEARS
by MICHAEL FRAYN
BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR

GREENWICH THEATRE. 858 7755. Evgs. 7.30. Mat. Jan. 14 2.30. PINCH-ME-NOT. A new Comedy by Richard O'Keeffe. "An excellent first play" Times. "A considerable achievement". D.T. TIPPITY FLIP-FLOP, GUMDROPS & BOOTS. A Musical for young children. Ends. Today, last perfs. 2.15 & 4.45.

HAMPSTEAD. 722 9301. Evgs. Mon. to Fri. 8. Sats. 5 & 8.
PENNY WHISTLE
CHARMING & TRUTHFUL

HAYMARKET. 930 9832 Evgs. 7.45. Wed. 2.30 Sat. 4.30 and 8.15
CLAIRE BLOOM DANIEL MASSEY MICHAEL ALDRIDGE in
ROSMERSHOLM
Directed by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS
"A MURDER PLAY MORE EXCITING THAN ANY BY AGATHA CHRISTIE."—D. Tel.
Must finish Jan. 31st prior to Hongkong festival engagement.

HAYMARKET. 930 9832 Previews Jan. 24 (charity) & Jan. 25. Open Jan. 26. 7.0. Subs. evgs. 8.0. Mat. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 5 & 8.15.
INGRID BERGMAN WENDY HILLER
DEREK GODFREY DORIS HARE FRANCES CUKA
in **WATERS OF THE MOON**
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LEE MONTAGUE HELEN LINDSAY in TERENCE RATTIGAN'S
CAUSE CELEBRE
"RATTIGAN REVEALS HIS MASTERY."—S.T. "A powerful drama."—E.N. "GLYNIS JOHNS PLAYS BRILLIANTLY."—D. Telegraph.

HER MAJESTY'S 01-930 6606 Opening March 28
BRUCE FORSYTH
in Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley's
TRAVELLING MUSIC SHOW
Previews from March 16.

KING'S HEAD 226 1916 Show 8 Dnr 7 CONFESSION FEVER A Comedy by Terry James 1.15 LIKE DOLLS OR ANGELS

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. Mon.-Thur. 9.0 Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30
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LONDON CASINO. 437 6877. Twice daily 2.15 & 7.30. Last 2 weeks SUSANNAH YORK, RON MOODY in
PETER PAN
"The best Christmas entertainment in town."—Evening Standard.

LYRIC THEATRE. 01-437 3686. Evgs. 8.0 Mats. Thurs. 3.0 Sat. 5.0 & 8.30
JOAN PLOWRIGHT COLIN BLAKELY and Patricia Hayes in
FILUMENA
by Eduardo de Filippo Directed by FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI "TOTAL TRIUMPH" E. News. "AN EVENT TO TREASURE" D. Mir. "MAY IT FILL THE LYRIC FOR A HUNDRED YEARS." S. Times.

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LYTTELTON (proscenium stage): Today 2.45 & 7.45 THE LADY FROM MAXIM'S by Feydeau trans by John Mortimer. Mon. 7.45 State of Revolution.
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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in "A RAUCOUSLY FUNNY" 18th Century Comedy
WILD OATS
"ENOUGH FUN TO PLEASE ENTIRE FAMILIES ... A RARE AND WELCOME THING" Times. "PURE GOLD" S. Times. Wild Oats Season finishes 28 Jan. Peter Nichols' Award Winning Comedy Privates on Parade perfs. here from 2 Feb.

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A New Play by ALAN BENNETT Directed by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Plays & Players London critics award. "One of the most notable theatrical events in this country for a good many years."—B. Levin. Sunday Times.

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Directed by Clifford Williams "I SAT IN A CLOUD OF JOY FROM BEGINNING TO END."—S. TIMES RSC ALSO AT ALDWYCH AND PICCADILLY THEATRES Credit card bookings accepted.

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SHAFTESBURY THEATRE. 836 6596/7 Evgs. 8 p.m. Mat. Thurs. 2.30. Sat. 5.00 & 8.00. Tickets £1.50-£4.00.
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RAZZLE DAZZLE
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ABC 1 & 2, Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861 Sep. perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: THE GAUNTLET (X). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Late show tonight. 2: THE LAST REMAKE OF BEAU GESTE (A). Wk. & Sun. 3.00, 5.20, 8.20. Late show tonight 11.20.

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. James Joyce's A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN (AA). Progs. 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Claude Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Progs. 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Harold Pinter's THE CARETAKER (A). Progs. 4.30, 6.40, 8.45.

CAMDEN PLAZA, opp. Camden Town Tube. 485 2443. Taviani's PADRE PADRONE (X). Grand Prize Cannes '77. 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.50. No Late show this week.

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GATE CINEMA, Noll. Hill. 221 0220. ANNIE HALL (AA). Seats Bookable. Sep. Perfs. 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST (A) & MANDINGO (X) 11.15.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). STAR WARS (U). Sep. Progs. Dly. 10.50 a.m. Not Sun.), 2.00, 5.15, 8.35 (11.45: Not Sun). Seats Bkble. for All Progs. except 10.50 a.m. Prog.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). THE DEEP (A). Sep. progs. every day. Seats may be booked. Doors open at 1.20, 4.30, 7.45. Late Shows Thurs., Fris. & Sats. Doors 11.15 (Early Show Sats. Doors 10.15 a.m. Not Bkble.).

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Wednesday 11 Jan. 7.30 p.m.	PHILLIP GREEN cello STEPHEN McINTYRE piano £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p Ibbs & Tillett	Francoeur: Sonata in E Schumann: Fantasiestucke, Op. 88 Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations Tahourdin: Dialogue Conyngham: Playback: Debussy: Sonata
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Thursday 19 Jan. 7.30 p.m.	GOTTFRIED SCHNEIDER violin WOLFGANG WATZINGER piano New Era Int. Concerts	GERMAN WEEK Bach: Sonata No. 3 in E, BWV 1016 Brahms: Sonata in A, Op. 100 Ravel: Tzigane; Bartok: Sonata No. 1 £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p
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Weekend Broadcasting

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1

8.50 am, Fingerbobs. 9.05, Canoe. 9.30, Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 2.25, Racing from Haydock Park; 1.10, Tug of War World Championships; 1.40, Squash Rackets, Gogi Alauddin v Biddy Jahan; 2.10, Surfing, Smirnoff World Pro-Am; 2.40, Rugby, Wigan v Bradford Northern; 3.30, *American Football*, Michigan v Washington; 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, The New Adventures of Batman.

5.35 News.
5.50 Jim'll Fix It.
6.25 Dr Who.
6.50 Film: City Beneath the Sea, with Robert Ryan, Anthony Quinn.*
8.15 The Two Ronnies.
9.00 Starsky and Hutch.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day.
11.05 Parkinson.
12.05 am, Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—8.40-9.05 am, Tell/Tant. 12.07-12.32 am, Broadsides. SCOTLAND.—4.55-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Scoreboard. 10.00, Sportscene. 10.35-11.05, Songs of Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND.—5.00-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Northern Ireland News

BBC 2

2.55 pm, Film: Bathing Beauty, with Esther Williams, Red Skelton. 4.30, Play Away. 5.05, Horizon: Living Machines. 5.55, International Indoor Bowling: England v Ireland.

6.25 *Don Carlos*, Verdi's opera with Placido Domingo, Margaret Price, Elena Obratsova, Yevgeny Nesterenko, live from La Scala, Milan: Prologue, Acts 1 and 2.
8.10 *News.*
8.30 Don Carlos: Act 3.
9.10 Opera Books, discussed by Robert Robinson.
9.30 Don Carlos: Acts 4 and 5.
11.00 News.
11.05-12.40 am, Film: The Frightened City, with Herbert Lom, Sean Connery, Yvonne Romain, John Gregson, Alfred Marks.

HTV

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 10.35, Concert, with Diahann Carroll. 11.35-12.30 am, Gibbsville. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 5.15 pm, Cartoons. 5.30-6.00, Stop a Star. 11.35-12.30 am, A Glad Day.

Anglia

9.00 pm, An Awful Alphabet (r). 9.10, Cartoon. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 12.20 am, At the End of the Day.

Grampian

9.00 am, Scene on Saturday. 9.45, Woody Woodpecker. 10.15, Woobinda. 10.45, Cartoon. 11.00, The Lost Islands. 11.30, Waldo Kitty. 12.00, Captain Scarlet. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, Happy Days. 6.00, London. 10.35, The Maharajahs. 11.30, Reflections. 11.35-12.35 am, Frankie Vaughan Show.

London Weekend

8.30 am, Fun Food Factory (r). 8.55, Junior Police 5. 9.00, Our Show. 11.00, Film: Belles of St Trinians (1957), with Alastair Sim, Joyce Grenfell.* 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Arm Wrestling, US Professional Championships. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30 Sandown, 1.45 Market Rasen, 2.00 Sandown, 2.15 Market Rasen, 2.30 Sandown, 2.45 Market Rasen, 3.00 Sandown. 3.10, Show Jumping: Martell International. 3.50, Half Time soccer Round-Up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.

5.05 News.
5.15 Celebrity Squares.
6.00 Man from Atlantis.
7.00 Sale of the Century.
7.30 Film: Battle of the Bulge (1966), with Henry Fonda, Robert Ryan, Pier Angeli.
10.20 News.
10.35 Concert with Dionne Warwick.
11.35 Pro-Celebrity Snooker.
12.20 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

9.05 am, Rolf Harris. 9.30, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Man from Atlantis. 6.15, Get Some In! 6.45, Celebrity Squares. 7.30, Film: *Logan's Run*, with Gregory Harrison, Heather Menzies. 8.55, Sale of the Century. 9.25, City of Angels, documentary (r). 10.20, News. 10.35, Angel's Defence (r). 11.35-12.35 am, Concert with Anne Murray.

Southern

8.50 am, Weekend. 9.00, London. 12.20 pm, Weekend. 12.30, London. 7.30, Film: 55 Days at Peking, with Charlton Heston. 10.20, London. 11.35, Southern News. 11.40, Quincy. 12.35 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 11.35, Second City Revue. 12.05-1.45 am, Film: Robert Foxworth in The Questor Tapes.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, Survival. 9.30, Film: Holiday Camp with Flora Robson. 11.15, Batman. 12.30 pm, London. 10.35, Concert, with Diahann Carroll. 11.35, The Family. 12.35 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.00 am, Horses in Our Blood (r). 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 11.35, Late Call. 11.40-12.20 am, Danger in Paradise with Cliff Potts, John Dehner.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, ATV. 9.25, Film: The Crimson Pirate, with Burt Lancaster. 11.00, Valley of the Dinosaurs. 11.30, Happy Days. 12.00, Calendar Kids. 12.30 pm, London. 10.35, Concert, with Diahann Carroll. 11.35-12.30 am, Kathy Karuka is a Grizzly Bear.

Westward

9.00 am The Beatles. 9.25, Survivas. 9.55, Cartoon. 10.05, Film: Huckleberry Finn, with Ron Howard, Jean Howard, Clint Howard. 11.35, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, London. 10.35, Concert: Pat Boone and Family. 11.35, In a Balloon over the Alps. 12.00, Faith for Life.

SATURDAY RADIO

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6.00 am, News; Tom Edwards.† 8.04, Racing Bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm, Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman.† 5.31, Alexis Korner.† 6.30, In Concert: Joan Baez.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Bill McGuffie.† 8.30, Take Your Partners.† 9.30, Radio Orchestra.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.10, Alan Dell.† 12.31-12.33 am, News. † Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Cricket. 10.03, Wally Whyton.† 12.02 pm, Cricket. 12.03, Two's Best.† 1.02, Tribute to Ted Ray. 1.30-5.55, Sport, including: Cup Tie Special; Racing at Sandown Park; Cricket; Rugby; Tennis, Colgate Masters Tournament; 5.00, Sports Report Birthday Special. 6.03, Festival. 7.02, Peter Goodwright Show. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.30-9.50 am, Cricket: Second Test (m/f only). 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Walton, Prokofiev, Bennett, Theodorakis.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Widor.† 10.50, BBC Symphony Orchestra: Britten, Wood, Dvorak.† 12.02 pm, John Amis.†
12.55, News. 1.00, Alban Berg Quartet, part 1: Schubert, Berg.† 1.40, In Short. 1.45, Quartet, part 2: Dvorak. 2.30, Man of Action, Lord James of Rusholme.† 3.35, Mozart, Scarlatti, Haydn.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.30, Critics' Forum.

6.25, Don Carlos (simultaneous with BBC 2) opera by Verdi. Acts 1 and 2.† 8.10, Personal View by Sir Ieuan Maddock. 8.30, Don Carlos. Acts 3.† 9.10, Talk. 9.30, Don Carlos. Acts 4 and 5.† 11.00, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.†

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sport on 4. 8.45, Today's Papers. 8.50, Strange to Relate. 9.00, News. 9.10, Pick of the Week. 10.00, News. 10.02, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Between the Lines. 11.00, News. 11.02, Talking Politics. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, John Amis. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Frank Muir Goes Into.... 2.30, Play: To Whom It May Concern. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He Take Sugar? 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore. 5.30, Week Ending. 5.55, Weather.

6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Island Discs. 6.50, Robert Robinson. 7.30, Christopher Grier, records. 8.30, Play: The U-Boat that Lost its Nerve. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, Hancock's Half-hour. 10.45, The Thirty Years' Peace, part 1: Reflections at Passchendaele. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.

TV CHOICE

Today

1.10 pm, BBC 1: A more than usually interesting Grandstand features the World Tug-of-War Championships from Jersey, followed by squash rackets from Wembley (1.40) and surfing from Hawaii (2.10). Back to Rugby League at 2.40, alas. **6.25 pm, BBC 2:** The trouble with the BBC 2 decision to give four and a half hours to Don Carlos from La Scala, Milan, is that one is forced to miss Dr Who (and still with him, Leela) as he starts a new adventure on BBC 1 at the same time. Certainly ITV's main offering for the evening, The Battle of the Bulge, is no real challenge to this live Eurovision presentation of Verdi to mark the opening of La Scala's bicentennial season. Conducted by Claudio Abbado, with Placido Domingo singing the title and Margaret Price the Queen of Spain.

Tomorrow

12 noon, ITV: In a week that has seen political killings *return to London and moves to end the firemen's strike, I cannot* risk missing Weekend World. **6.25 pm, ITV:** London Weekend's new "God slot" programme Credo looks at the churches' attitude to the National Front. **7.15 pm, ITV:** It is more than likely that Elton John will find himself more gainfully employed as a guest on the Muppet Show than he did recently on the other channel. **9 pm, BBC 2:** A rare delight for Beethoven buffs: Karajan on television with the Berlin Philharmonic and the Ninth. I wonder how many illicit recordings will be made tonight? **11.25 pm, ITV (London):** Few Londoners or London workers take seriously the constant threat of a great flood. Yet it is only 50 years since central London was under water from the Thames. The GLC is ready for the next time, and *London Weekend has staged its own* reconstruction of what will happen. It really is time this programme was seen outside the LWT area.

Iain Redpath

THE WEEK'S FILMS

● **Bathing Beauty (this afternoon, BBC2, 2.55)** is an historical *curiosity, made in 1944 by MGM to launch the star career of* Esther Williams, whom they'd discovered in Billy Rose's 1939 Aquacade and already used in a couple of supporting roles. *Though they threw in Red Skelton*, Basil Rathbone and a bevy of guest stars, at this stage of her career it was hard to dispute Fanny Brice's opinion: "Wet she's a star. Dry she ain't." Later in the day (BBC1 6.50) there is a stock juvenile sci-fi fantasy. Irwin Allen's **City Beneath the Sea**, originally released here in 1970 as **One Hour to Doomsday**. The Midnight Movie, **The Frightened City** is scheduled for **11.05 on BBC2**, but may be subject to continuing labour negotiations regarding late transmissions. If it doesn't show it will be no great loss: originally released here 28 years ago as **The Killer That Stalked New York**, it dates from the period when Hollywood economies favoured contemporary realist subjects and location shooting, and tells of the search for a small-pox carrier at large in the city. Things look up on Sunday with **The Searchers (BBC1, 1.55)** John Ford's majestic, classic 1956 Western with John Wayne as a Confederate war veteran bent on avenging his brother's family, massacred by Indians. This is the first of a *short series of* Ford-Wayne films to be shown on successive Sunday afternoons. Later (**BBC1, 8.10**) there is Kotch, Jack Lemmon's first film as a director, and a very likeable oddity, with Walter Matthau as a 72-year-old widower making a bid for Grandfathers' Lib.
After that there are only **The Prisoner of Zenda (Wednesday, BBC1, 7.20)**—not the proper one, but Richard Thorpe's 1952 faded carbon copy, with Stewart Granger in the Ronald Colman dual role; **The House of Fear (Friday, BBC1, 7.20)**, a 1944 Rathbone-Bruce Sherlock Holmes adventure; and also on **Friday (BBC1, 10.51) Rough Night in Jericho (1967)** a predictable western directed by Arnold Laven, which failed to gain anything from the presence of Dean Martin, George Peppard and Jean Simmons.

David Robinson



John Wayne and Jeffrey Hunter in *The Searchers*

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, Mary, *Mungo and Midge*. 9.15, 60 70 80 Show. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Democracy at Work. 10.50, Kontakte. 11.15, The Living City. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Your Move. 12.15 pm, Worship at Pebble Mill. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Dressmaker. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: The Searchers, with John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter, Vera Miles, Ward Bond, Natalie Wood. 3.50, Young Scientists of the Year. 4.20, The Osmonds. 4.50, The Countryman.

5.30 News.
5.40 Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.
6.10 Holiday.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Mary Magdalene's, Knighton, Leicester.
7.15 All Creatures Great and Small (new series).
8.10 *Film: Kotch, with Walter* Matthau.
10.00 News.
10.10 I Can't See the Light.
10.50, Read All About It.
11.25 Story: For the love of Albert: The Bike.
12.15 am, Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—1.55 am, The Superstars. Final. 3.05, Tomorrow's World. 3.30, Sports Line-Up. Rugby, Newport v Bridgend. Highlights. 5.00-5.30, Twndish. 6.40-7.15, Dechrau Canu. Dechrau Canmol. 10.50, Maes O Law. 11.15-11.25, Young Artists. SCOTLAND.—12.15-1.00 pm, Noontidings. 6.40-7.15, Scotsproiso from St. Andrew's Parish Church, Dundee.

BBC 2

10.05 am, Open University: Prospect. 10.30, Count Down to OU Programme 1. 10.55-11.20, The First Year of Life.
5.05 Money Programme. For Better, for Worse.
5.40 Rugby, Scotland v Wales (19 Group).
6.40 News Review.
7.15 The World About Us. Stella and the Apes of Mount Asserick.
8.05 News.
8.10 Benoni and Rose.
9.00 Karajan conducts Beethoven's Choral Symphony.
10.20 *Caught in Time*, Home-movie making.
10.40-11.30, Tennis, Colgate Masters semi-finals.

HTV

9.00 am, Sesame Street. 10.00, London. 11.30, Skiful Soccer. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, University Challenge. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoons. 2.15, London. 3.15, The Dame of Sark. 4.15, London. 11.25-12.20 am, Barretts. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 5.15-5.45, Teithiu Geraint.

Anglia

9.00 am, London. 9.50, Cartoon (r). 10.00, London. 11.30, Elephant Boy (r). 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Gardening. 1.30, Weather. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, Match of the Week. 3.05, Cartoon. 3.15, The Little House on the Prairie. 4.15, London. 11.25, Frankie Vaughan Show. 12.25 am, The Bible for Today.

Scottish

10.05 am, Credo. 10.30, London. 11.30, ATV. 1.00 pm, University Challenge. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Mr and Mrs. 2.30, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, It's the Caring that Counts. 6.50, London. 11.25, Late Call. 11.30-12.10 am, The Jones Boy.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, London. 9.50, Cartoon. 10.00, London. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoons. 1.15, Wish You Were Here? 1.45, Gardening. 2.00, London. 3.15, Westside Mad. 4.10, Southern News. 4.15, London. 11.25, Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 1 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

9.30 am, Master Golf. 10.00, London. 11.00, Make It Count. 11.30, Mr Magoo. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Practice. 1.40, Indoor League. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Of Men and Women. 4.15, Lou Grant. 11.25-12.25 am, Baretta.

Grampian

10.30 am, London. 11.30, Master Soccer. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Gardening. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Tool Kit. 2.30, Mighty Squares. 3.15, Scotsport. 4.15, London. 6.25, Out of Stress. 6.50, London. 11.25, Reflections. 12.00, The Odd Couple.

Tyne Tees

9.00 am, London. 11.30, Soccer. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Master Golf. 1.45, Farming. 2.15, Country News. 2.45, London. An audience with Jasper Carrott. Faith for Life.

Westward

9.00 am, London. 11.00, League. 11.25, There the Job. 11.30, The Beatles. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, The Beachcombers. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, The Amazing Chan. 2.20, Cartoon. 2.30, Survival. 3.15, London. 4.15, Police Woman. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

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London Weekend

9.05 am, Master Golf. 9.30, Make Count. 10.00, Morning Worship; Meditation on Epiphany. 10.30, Link. 11.00, All about Babies (r). 11.30, Happy Days (r). 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, London Weekend Show. 1.30, Cartoon. 1.45, *University Challenge*. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Danger—Paradise. 4.15, New Faces. 5.15, Adam Smith (r). 5.45, Just William.

6.15 News.
6.25 Credo.
6.50 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 Muppet Show, with Elton John.
7.45 Film: Carry on Abroad (1972).
9.25 Laurence Olivier Presents. The best play of the year 1950, Come Back, Little Sheba.
11.10 News.
11.25 London Programme.
12.25 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

9.00 am, First Steps in First Aid. 9.30, Farming. 10.00, London. 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30, Mr Men. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Mr Magoo. 1.15, Space 1999. 2.15, Star Soccer. 3.15, Logan's Run. 4.15, London. 11.55, Andy.

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SUNDAY RADIO

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6.30 am, News. Sam Costa.† 8.00, Playground. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile's Old Record Club. 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.10, Elvis Presley Story. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.02, Robin Richmond.† 7.30, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Peter Goodwright. 10.30, Don Maclean. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News. † Stereo.

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6.30 am, Radio 1. 8.03, Dana.† 8.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Benny Green.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 1.30, Sacha Distel.† 3.02, David Jacobs.† 4.30, Charlie Chester.† 6.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Mozart and the Violin Sonata. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Biber, Spohr, Reubke.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.20, Concert Performances by Toscanini: Debussy. 1951 and 1953. 12.20 pm, Two Piano Plus, part 1: Schumann, Bartok.†
1.05, Words by A. S. Byatt. 1.10, Concert, part 2: Williamson, Britten.† 2.00, Is the Arrangement Better?: *Mozart chamber music*, part 1.† 2.40, In Short. 2.50, Is the Arrangement Better? part 2.† 3.45, Piano Recital: Beethoven, Bartok.† 4.45, Talking About Music.† 5.15, Varese and Webern.† 5.45, Journal de Mes Melodies.

7.20, John Gielgud in the Pil Progress, by John Bunyan. Charles Munch and Boston phony Orchestra, part 1: W Liszt.† 9.40, The Unimporta Being Right: Concorde: Figures and a Simple Moral. Concert, part 2: Vaughan Wi Wagner.† 10.45, Trios by De Bartok.† 11.25, News. 11.30 Schubert Song.†

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7.10 am, Apna Hi Ghar Sam: 7.40, Bells. 7.45, Reading. Sunday Papers. 7.55, We 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday. Appeal: GALS (Girls Alone don Service). 8.50, Sunday P 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. International Assignment. Service from Christ Church, fosters, Barnet. 10.15, Misc 11.00, Local Time. 11.30, Box. 12.00, Away From I 12.40 pm, Letter from Au 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.40, Instant Su 2.00, Gardeners' Question 2.30, Play: The Grass is S 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking Antiques. 4.30, The Living 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Way. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, The A 7.15, Conversation Piece: Cooke. 8.00, Concert: Haydn Bus. 9.00, News. 9.05, The wick Papers. 9.58, Weather. News. 10.15, Origins: Archa 11.00, Five Faces of Love series). 11.15, News. 12.0 am, Inshore Forecast.

DAVID WADE

A Bit of a Shake-up

"It wasn't all doom and gloom", announced the billing to Brian Redhead's *Review of the Year* on New Year's Eve. No indeed, for 1977 as far as sound broadcasting was concerned saw the equivalent of an act of creative guerrilla warfare: a medium-size bomb was planted under the immense armchair in which Radio 4 had been snoozing on and off for years and detonated—with a quick smile and a brief ironic joke—by none other than the Controller of the enterprise himself: Mr Ian McIntyre. Perhaps a part of the flutter he caused arose from the current dogma that revolutions must always come from underneath, never from the leadership; perhaps he somewhat overdid the charge—for chair, occupant and all left the ground completely and are still coming down, while various ill-wishers are apparently hoping that some of the heavier debris may land on the head of the engineer himself, preferably to terminal effect.

In other words Radio 4 has received a bit of a shake-up, a thing which in my estimation it very badly required, and if in some respects the results to date have been disappointing, that is neither very surprising nor does it by any means describe the outcome as a whole. Amongst the major disappointments is the early morning sequence: change has not brought improvement there. What it has done, however, is to suggest that the whole scheme and working of that part of radio has run out of juice, that it needs to be rebuilt from the foundation up—which is, it seems, what will be done. As well as disappointments there have been downright mistakes: I think the handling of the last Budget (or to be precise the lack of it) was one of these—too violent a reaction against instant punditry. But at least it is a mistake which can be put right and excused—unlike the one made by that ill-wisher who leaked the exchange of correspondence on the subject to the press. In this field, of course—as in others—such attempts at assassination of the character very quickly lose the assassins whatever sympathy their cause may have deserved. And they do nothing to put right the hurts which a number of people no doubt feel have been inflicted on them. I, in fact, have never heard of any shake-up in which somebody did not get hurt, but was the damage here greater than it need have been? I do not know, but it seems to me that moving Radio 4 out of its ancient lethargy could hardly have been done without a very sharp blow of some kind and I am in no doubt that move it has and for the better. Taking the bad with the good, the network is in better shape than it was this time last year.

Some of its programmes at and since the new year provide good examples of ways in which it has both come on and not. In post years, if memory serves, the lead up to midnight has tried to induce some sense of occasion—even if the occasions themselves have frequently been pretty dire. Do I not remember a *Stop the Year/Start the Year* routine that really paralysed the festive spirit? This year the above-mentioned *Review* and Sheridan Morley's *Should Old Acquaintance* which followed it brought almost no sense of occasion at all—rather as if the Budget play-it-down technique had been applied. We reached midnight asking "Is this all?" which may be the truth of the matter, but it is not one I expect to be faced with by my radio.

New Year's Day, however, brought something to gladden the heart: Ray Gosling in *Friends and Neighbours* took a look at British soap opera: *The Archers, Crossroads, Coronation Street*. I believe this is the first time I have heard Mr Gosling outside one of his own highly individual and lugubrious talks. The same qualities emerge when he narrates, pointing up the fantasy world he is describing. We have all heard that hard-core soap opera addicts often have trouble disentangling fiction from fact, but *Friends and Neighbours* opened my eyes to the seriousness of the condition: there are people who write in asking for details of property to buy in the area of Ambridge or wherever and they are not joking. So little are some of them joking, that the programme makers cannot bring themselves to disillusion them. Tuesday evening gave us *Dear Willie Hamilton* in which the nation's well-known professional anti-royalist exhibited some of the contents of his mail—a heavily polarized collection of admiration and abuse which managed in 15 minutes to convey how it is that when one strongly held opinion meets its opposite, nothing is changed.

The significance of both these programmes in the upgraded Radio 4 is not that we have never heard their before, but that work in is combined weight (bu heaviness) and topicalit thought and entertai value now occupies a place in the schedules t did, which is part of the why, during 1977, I fou network a better com than I have known it. R by contrast, is much the sort of person now as a year ago, although tha brought two notable *Many Reasons Why* an *Long Search Continues*. I first in the end offer *too* reasons why? The s always attractive, was s ful in conveying idea information in inverse r its attempts to be an i sionistic feature. But suc finds a particular welco Radio 3 because it mome pushes the network's b in the direction of mixe gramming—a change much as I might applauded it, was hardly expected on last year's Nor next year's either.

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Paperbacks of the month

Hosannas and gratitude

Style and Civilisation; a series or Pelican, edited by John Fleming and Hugh Honour

In remote Tuscany an unusual cottage industry conducts one of the most admirable ventures a British scholarly publishing since the war. Its virtues, and the quality of its achievement, are known to art historians but deserve to be far more widely acknowledged. The home base is manned by the two editors. both are very much scholars and authors in their own right, with an impressive list of learned articles, books, works of reference credited to them, and each has his own highly specialized and originally researched expertises. But to my mind they have done nothing better than to initiate this and other series, provoking, cajoling, editing; persuading publishers to launch on ventures ready to weigh in themselves if it should seem the best thing to do (as with Hugh Honour's fine volume in the series, on Neo-Classicism), but generally prepared to devote inexhaustible tact, encouragement, criticism, gossip, integrity, etc, to the problem of extracting actual manuscripts out of other series scholars and specialists. In their initiative and independence—and courage, lacking established jobs, non-contributory index-linked pensions, or even union support—they represent a rare breed, that of the true man of letters.

In their enterprises, a major sector has always been the source now under diverse imprints of Penguin, Pelican and Allen Lane. A paperback concern that could take on some years ago a project such as Pevsner's *Buildings of England* straight into paperback in however so many volumes, with or without benefit of subsidy, was clearly divinely crazy and as such to be saluted with hosannas and gratitude. Likewise for Fleming and Honour's Pelican Style and Civilisation series. *Buildings of England* is complete. Style and Civilisation seems to be all right, though other series of comparable interest, notably that on individual masterpieces of painting, seem to have been chopped by rising costs in their prime. (A great shame, as each volume in it at one offered a readymade brief for a daring kind of programme that television has so far funked—involving the camera resting among its business perhaps for a whole minute at a time or more in blessed stillness and silence on a single object.)

Style and Civilisation how-ever is at least reprinting, and these three volumes now available again are all very welcome. Two are by Michael Levey: early Renaissance (£2.50) and High Renaissance (£2.95). His mastery of exposition is dazzling not only in clarity, elegance and vividness of language, but also in ability to adapt to the needs of different audiences. These two volumes are in what might be called his middle manner—between the popular introductory mode of his wider views for the general reader, and his exercises at the other extreme in that new category of literature invented by his predecessor as Director of the National Gallery, Sir Martin Davies: the National-Gallery-as-catalogue, dry as the driest fine sherry. In the two books here there is a fairly polymathic wealth of reference in expectation of at least a fairly widely educated range of response from the reader. Very broadly ranging, they scan horizontally across areas that the relevant categories of the big Penguin *History of Art* scan vertically; frequent prose links philosophy, art, science, medicine, literature, music, literature religion. Illustration is usually apt and telling though in so broad a survey there are bound to be omissions that can seem arbitrary. It is odd for example to find Piero della Francesca unmentioned (or unillustrated once) in the text, though the author has anyway a most agreeable independence of mind and cultivated views combined with occasional acerbities. The Levey volume is the worthy Wölfflin's Renaissance and Baroque, which is not one of Levey's own accompanying evocative books.

Both volumes are unrevised reissues so that, for the bibliographical student, stop at respectively 1475, the dates of first publication; otherwise the text remains unimpaired. George Henderson has taken advantage of the appearance of his Early Gothic (£2.75) to update his book from the first edition published together with his book in this series when first issued in 1967) and is a remarkably compelling survey of the period from the fall of the Roman Empire to the Renaissance at its most vigorous and Henderson is as lucid if not as Levey; his incomparable range and subject matter. Academic in tone: one will find the word "Gothic" occurring often where it does in Henderson's book. other hand you may find instructions like "The history worked out by historians like Panofsky for the beginner, this volume, with its chronological structure, acceptance of the text, may also be helpful. But all three books are profit and pleasure to study this series is one of the latest new editions (Penguin's Baroque) to become, hardback and paperback, occasion for pride and satisfaction.

David Piper



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Confidant and buffs

Conversations with Marilyn
By W. J. Weatherby
(Sphere, 95p)
Westerns
By Philip French
(Secker & Warburg, £1.90)
Holmes of the Movies
By David Stuart Davies
(New English Library, £2.95)

After acres of extravagant writing about the Marilyn Monroe legend, it is a rare pleasure to read a humble, modest account of what she was really like. W. J. Weatherby, an English journalist, met her first on the set of *The Misfits*, which turned out to be her last picture, and was determined not to be seduced by her charm. He disliked the way her public image as a sex symbol had demeaned Arthur Miller, who had been cruelly labelled "Marilyn's husband" by an ignorant press.

Weatherby's reticence proved attractive to Monroe, and, in a series of incognito meetings in a sleazy New York bar, she chose him as a confidant. She spoke off the record about her early life, her ambitions and fears, her marriages. Not surprisingly, her opinions and philosophies were commonplace. She was more intelligent than a dumb blonde, but her main virtue, and principal liability, was her unique physical presence. Even when her face was a mess and her body odour reached across the table, Weatherby was still impressed by her beauty.

Monroe was trapped by her looks and had learned to use them to her advantage. But away from show business people, unprotected by an entourage, she was frail, naive and lonely. Weatherby saw the tragedy of her suicide coming, but could do nothing to prevent it. Barbiturates, drinking, chronic lateness, her indiscreet "affair" with Bobby Kennedy: each wore down her patience with life.

Hollywood and Washington are also inextricably linked in that durable film genre, the western, according to the central theory of *Westerns*. Philip French, expanding on a notion he first suggested in these columns six years ago, believes that we have much to learn about American politics by studying westerns, and vice versa. Put simply, French argues that the fixed and eternal cliches which make up a western, its plot and characters, form a standardized shell within which is poured a range of clearly articulated moral positions, prompted by the current political debates. Thus, for example, John Wayne in *The Alamo* typifies the Goldwater western, whereas *High Noon* is the archetypal Kennedy western.

It is an amusing and rewarding game to play and explains why Stalin was hooked on westerns for their clear political messages, and how President Nixon came to prejudge Charles Manson's guilt. He had, it appears, been watching John Wayne in *Chisum*. French then draws conclusions from every other stock feature of westerns, from the portrayal of Indians to the importance of poker. He raises some lively and provocative arguments which will add a fresh dimension to the enjoyment of those classic, corny cowboy pictures.

Film buffs are as addicted as train spotters to the obscure facts and figures of their passion, and more solid information is always welcome. David Stuart Davies has set out to write the ideal Holmes exposition, and, in *Holmes of the Movies* provides an exhaustingly comprehensive review of all the Sherlock Holmes films from Maurice Costello, through Basil Rathbone and Peter Cushing, to Nicol Williamson. No reel is left unturned.

Nicholas Wapshott

Romantic thrills

American author Barbara Michaels writes some of the best ghost stories I've ever read, and in House of Many Shadows (Pan, 70p) she uses the lovers as an ingenious *aide* in calling up the ghosts. Every time they touch each other, specres appear! New Yorker Meg, suffering occasional hallucinations following a car accident, and needing rest, borrows one of rich Cousin Sylvia's surplus country houses for convalescence. Trouble is, the house is haunted. Or is it? There's one spine-tingling moment when she looks straight into the eyes of a ghost, and the ghost looks back at her ... and Meg knows that, to the long-dead girl she, Meg, is an apparition.

"A fold in the fourth dimension.", Andy calls it. "Two different centuries overlapping. . ." (Andy is custodian of the house Meg has borrowed, and it is their mutual attraction which adds to the complications) Oh, and there's a live menace hanging around, too, with a gun.

Barbara Michaels's ghost stories always end with a suitably "reasonable" explanation of the supernatural events, which still leaves a question mark. I like that.

Anne Warboys's foreign-set adventure stories are "after" Mary Stewart; a comparison made inevitable by the fact that her first in paperback *Lion of Delos* (Mayflower, 75p), has a Greek setting. There is some very good, evocative description which will bring on a bad attack of nostalgia in anyone who has recently visited the eastern end of the Med, and the suspense is nicely sustained. Anne Warboys recently won an award for her second romantic thriller, *Every Man a King*, set in Spain. (Still to come in paperback.)

Like Barbara Michaels's *House of Many Shadows*, Dorothy Eden's **The Time of the Dragon** (Coronet, 80p), deals with two different periods, but this time there are no apparitions, and no "folds in the fourth dimension". It is the effect of one generation's behaviour on the lives of their descendants which dominates the story. The theme is cupidity. Victorian Nathaniel Carrington inherits a love of Chinese *objets d'art* from his father, an authority on and dealer in ivories, jade and ceramics; and Nat is in China, buying for the family business, when the Boxer Rebellion erupts. But his love of beautiful objects is touched with rapacity and when the looting of the Forbidden City begins, he can't resist joining in.

Nor is the thematic greed confined to things. Two women in the story each covet a man—one in 1900, the other three-quarters of a century later; and they stop at nothing to detach their prey from their devoted and blameless spouses.

Dorothy Eden passes no judgments. She is an old hand at dealing with complicated emotional situations and in this novel she is particularly successful.

Elizabeth Grey

Snapshots

CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD. **Mr Norris Changes Trains; Goodbye to Berlin** *(Panther, 80p each).*

Berlin to me is an imaginary but sufficient city. Out of bounds to the feeling traveller in the Thirties, savaged by bombs in the Forties, my city is made up of hearsay, some photographs of street scenes in the Twenties in an old *Britannica*, and these early books by Christopher Isherwood. I took them lightly enough when I first read them (*Goodbye to Berlin*, and before that *Sally Bowles* by itself, I reviewed in these pages 40 years ago—I was a mere child at the time); now they strike me as quintessential Isherwood, his best books.

What struck me then, it is perhaps worth recalling, is that the scene and characters were familiar rather than exotic and unique to Berlin. I remarked that Sally Bowles, for instance, was also to be met in raffish London; and from my own nights sleeping rough or living it up in such (quite innocent?) places as The Circle and Smoky Joe's—what a passion youth has for cellars and similarly uncomfortable places!—I concluded that Berlin had really not very much to teach the wicked people around me. Today, of course, it is the sheer precariousness of Mr Isherwood's Berlin that appals one: a self-engrossed, all too human but fairly kindly society just reaching the end of its time.

But how to convey to a newcomer what the books are about? "I am a camera", says the author. Ah, yes, but it depends what the camera is trained on. This one is inconsequent, teasing, partial—the explanation being, of course, that the books are merely fragments of what was meant to be a "huge episodic novel of pre-Hitler Berlin". Would there have been a story, as distinct from snapshots? The ineffable Norris indeed provides a narrative of sorts, though for me he hardly lives up to the expectation aroused in that superb opening scene on approaching the frontier. All the same, his shifts and stratagems and frequent disappearances do string the rest together—constitute, as it were, an album for the snapshots. Some of these are vivid: the sinister Schmidt, Otto the boxer, the boyish Baron with his dreams of an ideal romance, the touching and irresistible landlady Frl Schroeder.

There are times, however, when we begin to be impatient. Bother the camera, we exclaim; don't be so detached, so remote, express an opinion, take sides! Sometimes he does. It is amusing to enter with Herr Issyvoo the awful suburban houses of the rich Jewish families he is supposed to teach English; it is something much more to study the fastidious and introspective Bernhard Landauer—the photographer has laid down the camera and picked up the brush. And I fancy he is moved by Peter's infatuation with that other graceful, graceless Otto on Ruegen Island. But where we surely do find emotion, kept tightly under control, is in those intimations of mortality evoked by the stray, peripheral appearances of the first Nazis. The first heavy drops are falling, Berliners here and there are putting up umbrellas, totally unaware that everything will shortly be swept away.

Jan Stephens

Strange yearnings

Great Balls of Fire: A History of Sex in Science Fiction Illustration.
By Harry Harrison.
(Pierrot Publishing, £3.95)

Unexpressed, hinted at, we could still feel some sense of innocence about yesteryear's golden SF age, but now along comes Mr Harrison like a bull at the gate of all our inhibitions, the horns of his ribald charge at the subject brooking no moral dilemmas. He is out to have fun with our fantasies.

His book is an expensive, but richly illustrated view of science fiction erotica—I know one newspaper cartoonist who promised it himself for a Christmas treat "purely for the draughtsmanship"—and, if you want to know how flying fits into the sexual nature of things, how a space-suit can be seen as a reversion to infancy (a womb with a view?) and how human bondage is as nothing to the alien equivalent, then this is for you. In fact, it is very much for me, because Mr Harrison's approach is exactly the right one—a ripe enjoyment of his subject coupled with a learning that was gained when he was a commercial artist and a writer.

"When I speak about comics I speak from a position, as it were, somewhere back among the molars in the horse's mouth", he boasts and, certainly, one of his best life-researched sections is the one in which he explains how starving pre-war American editors would be commissioned by a publisher ("black paint on an office door") and pull together such a magazine. It was a sociological situation, but it became a psychological one when such names as Dr Frederick Wertham saw the dangers of the grot-comics and publishers had to do a self-censoring job on themselves, "a mutual castration ceremony".

Of course, many of these illustrations were trash—Alex Raymond's fine drawings of Flash Gordon being a most notable exception—and the fevered results with grasping, groping aliens mauling half-clad young ladies often had little to do with the stories with which they were connected. And, even after the advent of censorship, strange yearnings could still be discerned among all those alarming breast-plates and protuberantly suckered tentacles. Mr Harrison believes that SF came sexually of age with the Philip José Farmer story "The Lovers", in *Startling Stories* in July, 1952, and artists followed, breathing hard down the neck of an enlightenment which allowed an affair between Earth man and alien creature.

Certainly the graphics of today's liberated Continental magazines here shown leave little to the imagination in the way the body contours stretch to the bursting point of excited nudity. But should they leave so little?

So it is back to the words to find out where the real SF action is, and not just a magazine's arty glossiness in the style of *Playboy*. For sex is only a part of SF, as with life. That it should concern a major portion is—and in keeping with the book's puns—rather a rocketship phallus-y.

Tom Hutchinson

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Collecting

Catching the everyday expressions of Art

In June, 1913, Roger Fry wrote to his mother: "My Omega workshops are hard at work and keep me at it pretty continuously. There's a great deal of interest shown everywhere in the scheme and I hope I may be able to pull it through. If I do I shall I think have done something to make art possible in England. It would be, of course, almost to accomplish a miracle, but I have hopes. Certainly the people I have got have an extraordinary amount of talent. My problem is to harness it to practical purposes. There's no doubt that it is a difficult thing to do and perhaps that is why almost all manufacturers give it up and go to the patient hack instead of the artist for their designs."

The opening exhibition at the Omega Workshops, 33, Fitzroy Square, was held on July 8, 1913, with furniture, textiles, fabrics, pottery and mural designs by Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell, Frederick Etchells, Wyndham Lewis, Edward Wadsworth, Cuthbert Hamilton and John Turnbull. Although they issued no manifestos or principles, their aim was to apply their talents to the creation of interiors which would reflect the preoccupations of post-impressionism, to bring the work and discussion of the group into an everyday expression of their art.

It is interesting to note that in July, 1913, Fry visited his old Cambridge friend C. R. Ashbee at Chipping Campden and talked of "his little group of post-impressionists" and the Omega. Ashbee's Guild of Handicraft had held out the ideal of craftsmanship and individual design against mass production and the competition of firms such as Liberty & Co or Morris & Co until final financial difficulties had disbanded it in 1909. Ashbee himself had done much to make art possible in England and in many ways Fry's Omega was the last attempt at private production of individually made and designed furniture and decorative items, which had been the goal of the arts and crafts movement, before its feeling was organized under the Design and Industries Association in 1915. And Omega was indeed to prove a difficult thing to manage.

The initial response to the Omega was good, despite opposition at the time to the artistic ideals of post impressionism and, to some extent, the inspiration of Bakst's designs at the Russian Ballet, expressed in a letter to Ashbee; "... Roger's things are TOO AWFUL, simply a *crime* against truth and beauty ..., ghastly cushions and curtains looking as if they had fallen by mistake into several dye vats—idiot muddy and chalky colours, pink, acrid mauve, lemon and a sort of cocoa colour—I am sure you would loathe it all."

Opposition continued for differing reasons throughout the working life of the artists involved; for example, in 1935, Duncin Grant's commissioned designs for murals for RMS Queen Mary were rejected by the company chairman as being inappropriate to the lavish scale of decoration required by the passengers and from his own personal distaste. From the start the hardly advertised Omega had competition from Heal's around the corner in Tottenham Court Road and in October 1913 came the first serious setback when Wyndham Lewis, Etchells, Wadsworth and Hamilton walked out over a misunderstanding of who had been commissioned to provide a post-impressionist room for the Ideal Home Exhibition that year. Lewis remained perpetually estranged from Bloomsbury, diverging into Vorticism and the Rebel Art Centre, as he demonstrated in his rather bitter novel *The Revenge for Love*.

A more personal disappointment followed for Fry as, with the outbreak of war, Duncan Grant, as a pacifist, was forced to live in Suffolk and undertake farmwork and Fry lost his love, Vanessa Bell, as she remained with Duncan Grant, moving with him in 1916 to Charleston in Sussex. Fry was left in London not only without the company of artists but of his friends, as he wrote to Clive Bell from Paris in 1915: "... you know I think you and Nessa have managed to make the only breathable atmosphere in England, at least for me. I can't quite put up with any other only I feel a good deal less in the centre of things than I did ...". In 1918 he wrote to the American poster designer E. MacKnight Kauffer: "The whole question of groups and competition is very difficult. Art generally seems to flourish only where there are enough people interested in the same kind of thing to create a kind of spiritual high-tension. ..."

And Fry was more and more alone, first from necessity and then, as he wrote to Vanessa, from choice. "... as I say, you are the only one I really want to talk to intimately, so I'm developing bit by bit a habit of solitude." Omega, which had begun in such enthusiasm and with such a collection of talent in one place, remained in Fitzroy Square, but gradually its original spirit was dispersed, as with so much during the four years' holocaust of the war. Roger was left with the work, with the financial problems of the workshops, which gradually swallowed up more and more of his own funds, and with a group of people who could not conjure up that original high-tension.

In February 1919 he wrote to Vanessa that he was "... simply tired our with all the cares of the Omega. ... Then Wolfe got ill and I had to do everything—all the furniture paintings. I have surpassed myself in ingenuity inventing methods for treating this old and rough furniture without the long processes of getting a good surface, and also in designing things which could be carried out on the old rough paint, using where possible the original design or what was left of it. On an average, I think I must have designed and painted one piece of furniture per day and some I would love to show you because I think they're the best things we've done in that direction." But his optimism was of no avail and the closing sale of the Omega was held in June that year.

Many criticisms of the work of the Omega have been made, not least the condemnation that much was of poor quality or execution, as is indeed suggested by Fry's account of using old furniture, and the few productions which do remain have seemed to be the object of dislike or neglect, as largely, has the subject of Omega itself. The overall feeling of the painted furniture, pottery, fabrics and murals is that they add up to a whole and that alone in a conventional room they may well have seemed strangely executed in "hot muddy and chalky colours".

The objects were not, inevitably, accessories for the fashionable home in the way that their idealistic precursors of the Arts & Crafts movement could be seen, but the expression of a lived way of art and thought. The financial and other reasons for the Omega's failure ensured that its style remained even then with its creators and their friends—at Fry's house in Guildford, the Wolfs' house at Rodmell, Maynard Keynes' rooms in Cambridge, and, supremely, at Charlestown.

Isabelle Anscombe



An example from the workshops' of Omega.

Bridge

The development of foresight

Almost everyone used to know the story of the old lady who had entered her first (and probably her last) duplicate competition. She was asked whether her partner used a strong or a weak No Trump, and she replied "weak". So her opponent who had passed originally reopened the bidding and was doubled by the old lady for 500. She explained that she had no faith in the weak No Trump and that her own bids were strong. "But you did not ask me mine, and I had been told that I was not allowed to volunteer a remark".

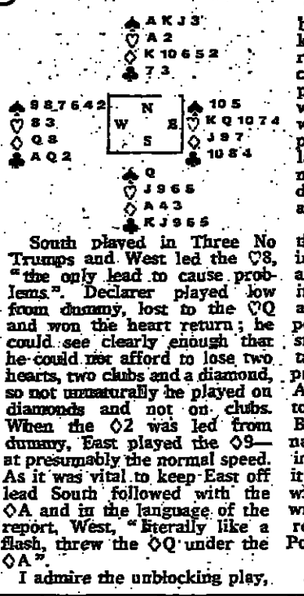
No doubt this incident was satisfactorily resolved before the latest Duplicate Laws were approved; but there is a new form of the story which provoked a letter to *The Bridge World*. A pair had arranged to use a standard type of auction, but with the additional embroidery of an artificial Two No Trumps response to an opening One Heart or One Spade. The writer, who held ♠Kxx ♡Kx ◇AKxxx ♣Axx opened One Diamond and rebid Two No Trumps over his partner's One Spade. His partner "alerted" this bid explaining that it was a strong artificial raise, and then rebid Three Clubs. The opener did not know what to do, so he excused himself from the table and consulted a director. He was told that (a) he should have ignored his partner's "Alert", (b) have bid Three Spades, his normal action over a natural Three Clubs and (c) not have left the table because by doing so he conveyed to his partner that something had gone wrong with the bidding. If he were later declarer or dummy he was entitled to correct the false information, but not to go further and tell opponents that his partner was showing a singleton club. He was not entitled to act upon information improperly obtained nor was he obliged to disclose it.

This reply does not agree with a statement made by another authority on duplicate law, which lays down that an explanation should include any relevant information which is known to the partners *and which may influence the play of their opponents*. In short, you may ask about what a bid may deny as well as what it purports to disclose.

The laws were originally designed, not to provide a remedy where partners had an unethical understanding with each other but, to ensure that two players should not be deprived of their rights whether accidentally or otherwise. There are few occasions when an unethical lead or bid which is not deliberate cannot be straightened out without the help of a director from whom an appeal may lie to higher authority. Moreover, the official ruling may be thought unjust. In the course of a match during the European championships of 1973 a player paused for an appreciable time before following suit with his only trump. The declarer later claimed that as a result of the pause he had misplayed the hand, making a discard that he would otherwise not have chosen. The result—minus 200—was entered in the score sheet and there the matter would have ended if the director had not been summoned. He ruled that the result as recorded should stand, guided undoubtedly by the fact that the score had been agreed. The losers protested and on appeal the governing committee reversed the decision, awarding the declarer his contract.

It is unfortunate that players are unable to make their bids with the same pauses between them. Not long ago a player who took out his partner's hesitant double was accused of unethical practice. The offender explained that he was not influenced by his partner's huddle; he was taking the normal time which he needed in order to work out where his tricks lay, and he swore that the pause did not persuade him to remove the contract. His word was accepted, although the protesters were not convinced that a speedier double would have been taken out.

In published reports references to fast or slow play should never be made. So I was surprised when a competent defence in the Far East championships was reported in the following terms.



South played in Three No Trumps and West led the ♡8, "the only lead to cause problems". Declarer played low from dummy, lost to the ♡Q and won the heart return; he could see clearly enough that he could not afford to lose two hearts, two clubs and a diamond, so not unnaturally he played on diamonds and not on clubs. When the ◇2 was led from dummy, East played the ◇9—at presumably the normal speed. As it was vital to keep East off lead South followed with the ◇A and in the language of the report, West, "literally like a flash, threw the ◇Q under the ◇A".

I admire the unblocking play, but it would be interesting to know why West played so rapidly. Perhaps he wished to convince the spectators, and his partner, that the unblocking was vital to the defence; but it was an unfortunate moment to play so speedily, for West was last to play and it did not matter—in fact it was highly desirable—that he should not alter the tempo of the game.

There was no comment from the referee, so a sudden change in timing was not considered an irregularity, any more than it would have been castigated at rubber bridge. But in competitions of high standard, the strictest precautions are now taken to ensure that the proprieties are not breached. The Americans are still attempting to have the Laws of Rubber Bridge rewritten; but fortunately for those who have the integrity of bridge at hea it is most improbable that the will be any substantial change written into the laws whic remain the copyright of th Portland Club.

Edward Maye

Chess

Those rays again

Dr Savielly Tartakower was wont to say that never in his life had he beaten a wholly well player. If this be so, and from my own personal experience I see no reason to doubt it, then the converse must be equally true and every game we lose must be due to some extraneous and disease-ridden physical cause.

When then Korchnoi ascribes his losses to Spassky in the Belgrade match to "rays" being directed at him from the audience this ascription must not be dismissed as the figment of a lively imagination or as an attempt to extract personal profit from a political situation.

As a matter of fact, in those almost forgotten days when I was an active master, exposure to such rays in tournament and match-play was so great that I used to return from such events heavily sunburnt.

One word of warning to Korchnoi; it is of no avail to call for a curtain to shield or shroud oneself from the audience. Let Viktor rather remember what happened at that match to end all matches between Spassky and Fischer at Reykjavik in 1972. Fischer thought that the deadly rays were beamed on to him by Chester Fox's television cameras. On the other hand, Spassky's seconds, Geller and Krogius, were sure it was something to do with the special chair on which Spassky sat. The chair was of course X-rayed and a cavity discovered in the back. The contents of this cavity was sent for analysis to a laboratory. I myself never saw the official account of this inquiry. But rumour had it that the end-product was a fly—a dead one presumably.

Could not Messrs Keene and Stean, Korchnoi's seconds at Belgrade, draw a moral from the Icelandic saga? Spassky's chair should be examined and its contents submitted to some chemical test. A Belgrade fly might be found to be even more toxic than that of Reykjavik.

On second and more serious thoughts it seems to me that the same disturbing element that upset the harmony and poisoned the atmosphere at the Fischer-Spassky match is present at Belgrade in the Korchnoi-Spassky match. I refer to that type of psychological warfare that was a feature of the 1972 match, that successful attempt, whether conscious or subconscious we shall never know, on Fischer's part to destroy and crush his opponent's psyche.

I always thought it a thousand pities that such an attempt was made; all the more that its use was unnecessary. I believe Fischer to have been the better player and in consequence he could have won the match without all the protests, claims and disputes with which he plagued the unfortunate officials and his opponent.

In all this hullabaloo about playing conditions, the audience, etc, the actual game of chess tends to be forgotten. The state of affairs prevailing at Belgrade cannot be good for the image of chess throughout the world. Gamesmanship on this scale debases the noble art of chess. Without having been there myself it is impossible for me to judge if the whole onus for this sorry situation rests on Korchnoi alone. If indeed Spassky is spending most of his time studying the demonstration board rather than the chess-board then indeed he is also to blame. But, on the face of it, Korchnoi's demand that the demonstration board be removed and also his request to have the audience excluded from the playing hall are unacceptable.

The depressing effect this has on the quality of play is marked. Few, if any, of the games at Belgrade are worthy of the two great players concerned. Too much of their attention is devoted to controversy away from the board and too little to playing chess. I imagine that the generality of chess-players throughout the world would say "Let them get on with their true vocation of playing the game and leave to others, to the non-artists, the controversies and bitter arguments that are neither edifying nor constructive.

I write these words at Hastings where a much more pleasant and agreeable atmosphere of friendly rivalry is to be observed and relished. It is heartwarming, too, to see how well the young English players are doing and playing. Look at the following game in which Simon Webb, after being quite rightly content with a draw as Black against the Russian grandmaster Sveshnikov, goes over to the attack and wins in beautiful style.

White: Sveshnikov. Black: S. Webb. French Defence

1	P-K4	P-K3	8	QxKtP	R-Kt1
2	P-Q4	P-Q3	9	QxP	PxP
3	Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	10	Kt-K2	QKt-B3
4	P-K5	P-QB4	11	P-KR3	B-Q2
5	P-QR3	BxKt ch	12	Q-Q3	KtP
6	PxB	Kt-K2	13	K-Kt2	
7	Q-Kt4	Q-B2			

All up to here is according to theory. The Kt move is a solid one but a good and probably better alternative is 13. R-QKt1.

13	...	O-O-O	15 KtxKt PxKt
14	B-Kt2	Kt-B4	16 Q-Q

If 16. QxQP, B-K3; followed by Kt-Q5 when Black has manifestly much the better game.

16	...	P-Q5	18 R-Kt1 B-R7
17	B-B3	B-K3	

If 18. . . . Q-R4; 19. R-Kt5.

19 R-R1

The KPB cannot be captured; eg. 19. QxP ch, K-Kt1; 20. R-R1, B-B5; 21. R-Q1, P-Q6; 22. PxP, Kt-Q5 and Black wins.

19	....	B-K3	20 R-Kt1

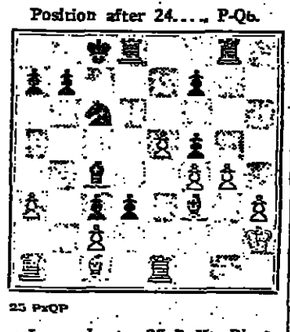
Here White thought for about an hour and decided (wrongly) that he did not want a draw by repetition of position.

20	...	Q-Kt3	22	K-B2	Q-B5
21	P-R3	Q-B4	23	QxQ	

After 23. B-K2, QxQ; 24. BxQ, R-Kt2 Black concentrates his Rooks on the KKt file with a strong and enduring attack.

23	....	BxQ	24 P-Kt4 P-Q6

Position after 24. . . . P-Q6.



25 PxQP

In reply to 25. BxKt Black simply plays P-Q7.

25	...	Kt-Q5 !	30	K-Kt2	R-Kt1
26	R-K3	B-Q3 !	31	P-R4	R-Kt6
27	R-Q1	R-B	32	R-R3	R-Kt7 ch
28	R-Kt3	PxP	33	K-B1	
29	PxP	R-R1 ch			

After 33. BxR, PxB; the Black pawn queens.

33	....	Kt-Kt6	34 BxKt

Or 34. P-Q4, R-R8 ch; 35. R-Kt1, R(R8)-R7.

34	K-Kt2	Kt-Q7 ch	37	K-B3	PxB
35	K-Kt3	P-R7 ch	38	R-Kt3	Kt-Q7 ch
36	K-K3	Kt-B8 ch		Resigns	

Harry Golombek

Gardening

Mauve mystery

The weather so far this winter has been quite remarkable. The leaves, particularly of the oaks seemed to hang on much later than usual and many flowers have bloomed earlier than they normally do. On our Christmas dinner table we had *Iris stylosa* (or as it is now known *I unguicularis*) *Erica* 'Springwood', the large flowered primrose yellow *Hamamelis mollis* 'Pallida', which I prefer to the richer-coloured type plant *H mollis* itself, some wallflowers, including that splendid violet mauve-coloured erysimum (formerly cheiranthus), which is usually listed as Bowles' Mauve. This plant which is reproduced by cuttings and is said to date from Elizabethan times, always has some flowers on it although its best display is in early summer. Where it acquired the name "Bowles' Mauve' is a mystery because according to my wife who knew Bowles well and his gardener at Myddleton House who knew him even longer, Bowles never saw the plant.

Be that as it may, it is a highly desirable garden plant and is offered by Beth Chatto, White Barn House, Elmstead Market, Colchester, Essex. It is easily propagated by cuttings.

Also in bloom in the garden now are the green *Helleborus corsicus* and the rosy red *H orientalis*, although the true Christmas rose, *H niger* is not yet out with us. But mahonias are in bloom, there are flowers already on a sheltered forsythia, on *Jasminum nudiflorum* and the green catkins of *Garrya elliptica* are already very handsome on a south facing wall. The garrya varies enormously in the length of its catkins. Curiously, although one usually sees this garrya planted against a south facing wall, it will perform well on a north or east wall but wherever you plant it in cold areas it is wise to give it some protection in winter during really cold spells.

One must, of course, seek out the male form which is the one that bears the handsome catkins. It received the award of garden merit in 1960.

The evergreen species and varieties of euonymus I think are underestimated by many gardeners specially *E. fortunei* and its varieties which make excellent ground cover plants and provide most welcome and unusual foliage in winter very useful for flower arrangements. I like particularly the variety "Emerald 'n Gold" which is a neat little shrub about two feet high and across with golden and green leaves which have now partially turned pink. Then we have also "Emerald Gaiety", silver, green and pink.

While not evergreen, another fascinating plant that has multi-coloured leaves is *Berberis thunbergii* "Fireglow"; it makes a neat bush up to four feet and almost as much across and the leaves start off purple, splashed with silvery pink and bright rose. In the autumn they assume a purple tinge.

Dwarf berberis are splendid plants to deter small animals, newspaper boys and others from taking short cuts across lawns or flower beds. They are much used in public parks and on housing estates for this estimable purpose. I do, however, offer a warning about berberis generally—beware of their spines. They are very strong and sharp and a friend of mine lost the top joint of his thumb years ago when a berberis spine ran up under the thumb nail. To be fair this happened before the days of antibiotics and I do not know if there was some poisonous property about the berberis spine or whether my friend's thumb became infected through the wound made by the thorn. Anyway I always wear gloves when handling berberis or indeed any other thorny or spiny plant.

And thinking of thorns, the Glastonbury thorn, *Crataegus monogyna biflora* (*C. praecox*) is carrying its white flowers now in a neighbour's garden. This is a good tree to have in the garden; it is only a form of our native hawthorn, "May" or quickthorn, but it makes a talking point when you are taking visitors round the garden. Legend has it that Joseph of Arimathea who is supposed have converted this country Christianity arrived at a s to the south west of Glastonb in Somerset with his weary lowers, sat down and stuck stick into the ground. Altho it was a dry hawthorn staf took root and grew and acc ing to tradition its progen supposed always to flowe Christmas day.

A shrub or small tree 15 feet high with really v spines is the "Japanese orange" *Poncirus tr* (*Citrus trifoliata*, also kn *Aegle sepiaria*). It mi medium sized shrub thickly branched and it i used in some parts of the States as a hedge plant however rather slow g In spring it carries sweetly scented orange som-like flowers, two across, and in the autum ature oranges. Usually remain green but in summer will ripen to a colour and I am tol people grate the skin to drinks but this I have n

Still thinking about t shrubs you may like that a new and very formulation of a ammonium sulphate, and animal repellent been put on the mar the name "Stayoff".

It should be in y garden shops by no case of difficulty it m tained from Syncheni 44 Grange Walk, Lo 3EN.

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Good Food Guide

Inspectors' choice

t this season of ill-will, it is s hard to avoid the books, ecords, and "sporting personalities" of the year as it is escape gut-corroding Gamay e l'Année in the restaurant of our choice. The *Good Food uide* does not wish to be left ut in this annual prize-giving, ut the trouble with a first-ast-the-post system of restaurant election is that it imposes on the reader a temptation to vast expense, possibly y now unwelcome. Proportional representation is viously fairer, and since for ie rest of the year these artiles concentrate on places of hich little but good is known, ur inspectors have been inted to nominate half a dozen on-restaurants of the year. ames apart, no details have een changed in these reports, nd nothing is imaginary: inead they were compiled without thought of publication except to the eyes of the uide's editor. But necessary breviation has excised some chnical detail and left the neral descriptions of:

e Rose without a Thorn, rchester

"Christopher, Christopher, the name of God and my gestion, who nominated this rribly awful place? Appearances were not in the ast deceptive: golden plush d pile carpets, a pert but sequious barmaid, and a nially indiscreet head waiter o confessed even before takg the order that 'all the ups come from tins: we find makes very little difrence'. So we gave soup a iss and began sedately with a cent enough pâté, a little derly but a mere stripling side the puddings. The menu suspiciously long and service naturally quick. Sole bonne mme (£3.50) was dried, rled, and entirely tasteless, nked by a still, small blob equally tasteless *matière anche*, innocent of wine and eam, innocent of anything at except conspiracy to fraud. Lamb cutlets with tichokes and sauce were illed charcoal-black, tinder-isp. The artichokes were of urse tinned, pickled in malt negar. Sprouts plain soggo.

"The desserts tray was as nazing as the guests, and out the same age. Dust was sible; cheesecake cut heaven rows when; profiteroles more e shoe leather than choux stry; and charlotte russe ated with solid grey gelatine, ressed by plastic fingers, led with wet fluff.

"The music was Palm Court ore than 1 smoothed-down jazz, circa rot breaks. The linen was excellent, are still a wine well served, apart ... Lowe's im the piping hot sherry ... th which we began, ... explained by a central heating ... stem set at about 100 deg F, ... ubtless for the sake of cus... mers complaining of hypo... thermia."

Edward ... le Silver Knocker, Dockton

"This shop-restaurant wraps ur purchases in *The server*, advertises transcenntal meditation, and seems think that if people want panese lampshades all over eir house, they must want ied herbs all over their food. my lunch was another case good materials rendered gely null by insensitive treatent, and I could only speciate whether the customers ally like it this way, or think ey *ought* to like it, or simply it up with it because the anagement likes it. In detail:

"*Fish soup* (50p). The *uide* has described the ineptde of this soup before but rebuke, though well erited, has evidently not en read. There was no evince from tongue or eye that fish had been anywhere near pot. Possibly the base was fish stock; but it was overne by onions, tomato, celery and multifarious herbs and seasonings. A rather heavy brown roll was 15p with butter.

"Baked brill (£2.30 including vegetables). A second attempt to secure some fish. The brill, a medium-sized steak, was fresh and baked in foil to the right tenderness, but again remorselessly overseasoned, this time with marjoram and a storm of black pepper, so the fish, whose flavour is anyway not strong, could have been virtually any except herring.

"I took no pudding for the good reason that there was none. The real state of the menu, as distinct from the ideal or platonic one displayed on the tables, is shown on a blackboard. People issue from the kitchen now and then to alter it, scribbling or erasing hastily like on-course bookmakers. When I arrived at 1 pm there were only two probable starters for the Pudding Plate. At 1.15 the favourite, Plum Pie at 60p, was scratched, and at 1.30, just as I was about to place my own bet, the remaining runner, Peaches and Cream (or was it Peaches 'n Cream?) also withdrew from starter's orders. So I had a 25p flutter on coffee instead, and got a strange, musty taste from it."

La Petite Bouffe, Eggon Green, North Sussex.

"Womb-like as a hen-coop, this restaurant had special points all its own. Take the garlic bread, for instance, or rather don't, because it came foil-wrapped, not in the least crisp, innocent of herbs and seasonings apart from garlic, and almost transparent with an oil that lingered on the palate throughout the meal.

"Tartelettes aux crevettes sauce Bercy were tepid. The cases were something new to me: Energen rolls writ large. Nothing soaked into them, they were perfectly symmetrical and they melted in the mouth, which in this case is not a compliment. The filling was rough and tasteless mussels from a jar, hard, tight-curled shrimps and a fishy sauce of mushrooms and anchovies. Yet it was the best part of the meal, believe it or not, apart from some nicely crunchy Kenya beans.

"Poulet au citron ('with lemon and Grand Marnier') had sweet slivers of lemon rind preserved in syrup all over it, which left a sickly taste. The Grand Marnier was lost without trace. The chicken was a fleshy leg—the flesh firm all through, like cold chicken reheated—which had been amputated from its carcase and recooked to crisp the outside. Ratatouille was execrable—a tinny taste, no olive oil, garlic, salt or herbs. Raspberry Pavlova was no better, with a base like plaster-of-Paris, and some unnatural-tasting cream piped on top.

"The menu is in French with a few English subtitles. The waitresses are English, and supercilious. They also kept the 'total' space on the Access card blank, though they had already added in VAT and service."

Robberoy House, Glenmightidollar

"This is the place where I was offered a suite for over £30 when I phoned, and they also said, 'What company?' I talked to an oil man from a firm based in the Gulf and he had been staying for months. They put ice in the water, call aubergines eggplants, serve haggis in white sauce as a starter and show every sign of knowing which side their bread is buttered.

"Scallops and salmon ought to be good in the Highlands at this season, and indeed they were, as far as the materials went. Five large scallops with a meaty flavour, bordered by genuine lumpy mashed potatoes; a huge untidy chunk of fresh salmon. The cheese sauce with the scallops and the shrimp and wine sauce with the salmon even tasted of butter, but both were thick and gummy, the flour cooked out properly, but far too much of it.

"Three vegetables were offered without prior discussion, and accepted with the request for a separate plate to keep them apart from the wallpaper paste. To my horror, 90p appeared on the bill. One expects such bare-faced stupidity and cupidity in London, but not in the glens. Anyway, the broccoli was overcooked or frozen or both, the aubergine slices were very greasy, the boiled potatoes—last night's by the taste of them—tarted up with a little tomato and onion.

"Puddings were not their finest hour. The house special was tinned cherries and ice-cream, the fruit tart tinned mandarin and pineapple, the trifle (85p) a dish with tinned fruit salad, very little sponge, packet custard, quite a lot of sherry, aerated cream, and chocolate hundreds and thousands. Not at all like Aunt Millie's.

"Service didn't seem too bad, remembering last night in Braemar, *with an opera tenor* of a head-waiter whose technique was to walk fast past the tables saying, 'Everybody happy?' and not wait for a reply. But when I went into the dining-room here early to avoid other people's tobacco smoke, two of the staff were just finishing their coffee—and cigarettes."

O Sole Mio, Draynflete

The ornate old place was fairly humming by 8.30 pm and the manager was standing in a corner literally rubbing his hands while a waiter of the old school flitted about omnisciently. Fish pâté (70p) was the only first course anyone had had to cook, and it was just a very salty taramosalata with far too much cream-cheese padding.

"After this, we were much tempted to pick a plain grilled sole, but duty called one of us to sole Cubat (£3.75) against which, on the menu, the words "truffle chopped fine", "flamed in brandy" and "sherry sauce" flutter invitingly. The fish came stripped for action—none of the table-side fancy work these days—on a bed of mushrooms and half-cooked onion, with a copious sauce that was at once quite disgusting and also quite indistinguishable from the Mornay sauce for partner's scallops. I am sure this is because it is a packet cheese béchamel of the brand my mother-in-law buys. There must be a vat in the kitchen: Mornay, Cubat, Nebuchadnezzar, name your own. Green salad, though the components were for once all green, was stunned by malt vinegar. Coffee and crème caramel were inoffensive, but this is after all a fish restaurant, not a teashop.

True, the custom is against the place. Near us, a young man of property was treating his "secretary's best friend" (the Permatype triangle?). They were well into the liquers when we arrived, with brandies all round for embarrassed Canadians at the next table. Champagne next, and an equally lavish embrace, with wine glasses scattering right and left. Finally, a taxi to a nightclub, with the exit line—as he followed her out—"Hasn't she got a lovely bum: just look at that bum." Her *blushes, if any, were by then* saved for the night air."

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Travel

Up the dizzy heights of Everest



Looking out from the Everest View Hotel.

When Lufthansa invited me to go trekking in the Himalayas, I could not say yes fast enough. Mountains anyway are very alluring and the Himalayas start where most other mountain ranges leave off. Given the chance of seeing Everest, following in the footsteps of Hunt, Hillary and Bonnington, who could resist?

Departure day neared and I received my instructions. Buy special trekking boots, take only old clothes, bring headache pills, a variety of other pills, foot powder and glucose tablets—and try to be fit. I jogged every morning at seven, swam every morning at nine, practised in my walking shoes (£17 from the Boy Scout's shop) and convinced myself I was ready. A trek, after all, is not a climb. Anyone can walk.

Arriving in Kathmandu we were kitted out with down *jackets, trousers and sleeping* bags. Two days after arriving, soaked in Nepali culture, we took off for Lukla where the Everest Trek begins. It lasts for up to three weeks and can include an optional side trip to Gaida wild life camp and a short visit to Agra. Being journalists and technically working, we *did not* have time to make the full trip, but just a taste—four days up and three days down. The really fit reach the Everest base camp. This is what happened:

Day One: Flew to Lukla (9,000ft) to airstrip which seemed to slope at an angle of 30°. Very primitive settlement. Beautiful countryside, all wooded. Bags marked to avoid confusion. Lunched. Everyone lethargic. Tea tasted smokey (a taste and smell which were to predominate). Ate hamburger on toast, baked beans, coleslaw, (more) toast and jam, half an apple.

Clearly not going to be gourmet trip. Easy walking, no one tired on this first day of "easy adapration". Camped at Ghat (8,000ft) by Dudh Kosi river. Bathed, won't do it again—far too cold. Dinner in "dining tent", chicken (I think), rice, vegetables. Tent to myself and last in bed (bed?) by 8.30.

Day Two: Up at seven, away by eight. Boots comfortable and no one having trouble. Soon very hot, but chilly again by mid-afternoon. Lunched by lovely 300ft waterfall. Hands *start* to swell. Butterflies at 9,000ft. Now accustomed to women porters carrying very heavy loads. Our Sirdar (guide) Chowtree tells me all porters get 18 rupees a day (just under £1). Our oldest looks about 70 and the youngest, Ang Chindu, is 10 and on his first trek. Not much talking on trek. Women walking as well as men and age seems to make little difference. Pass Thumbuk Hotel and Stores "cheap, neat, clean with fireplace and free lodge". Hotel has one room for about 12 people. Camp at Jorsalee (9,200ft) on potato field: it feels like it. Wood for fire costs 10 rupees. Lovely view of snow-clad Khurbila (19,297ft). Supper of smoked yak, cabbage, mash and ground rice pudding. (Enough of food, its all like that.) Shared tent, hated it. Sleep at 8.30 with men retiring earlier than women, and sleeping more.

Day Three: Up at six, away at seven. Today move from 9,000ft to 12,700ft. First sight of Everest. Trek deceptively easy at first, then steep climb to Namche Bazaar. Everyone panting like terriers as air thins. Rest frequently. Language and tempers deteriorate with altitude. Debate with myself which is worse; steep climb or gradual "false" summits. Headache starts. Lunch at Namche Bazaar, everyone feeling very tired (gives rise to expression feeling "namched"). Trees have disappeared.

Idelweiss and gentians appear. Must sign in with police before leaving Namche. Afternoon walk easier, but everyone now affected by altitude. The Everest View Hotel comes out of the mist like a mirage. Run by young English couple Mike and Wendy Deman, seems like best hotel in world and in such a hostile though beautiful environment, standards are very high indeed. Sleep in real bed with electric blanket. This is not part of the official trek. *Did* not know then. But I had spent my last day of trekking.

Day Four: Woke with splitting headache. The dreaded mountain sickness. Companions also affected, but not so badly, went on. Needed oxygen from time to time all day to relieve headache. Hotel seems like a hospital and oxygen cylinders are rushed to fellow sufferers. (For causes and symptoms of mountain sickness, see inset).

Day Five: Feeling better. Companions return. Am now able to enjoy the wonderful views. Regret that we had moved so fast. Hotel full, share room with sick lady carried down by sherpa from higher altitude.

Day Six: Down to lower altitude. Headache vanishes. Back to Dudh Kosi by lunch. Feel great. Must come again. Night at Chumoa vegetable garden, which belongs to Everest View Hotel. Best night's sleep.

Day Six: Back to lunch at Ghat. Weather turning cold and drizzly. Arrive Lukla. No planes out on account of weather.

Day Seven: Should now be back in Kathmandu, but still no planes.

Lie in tent thinking of food: ours is running out. Marvel at inspired ineptitude of airline. *Now 180 people waiting to get* out and each plane takes 14. Talk to trekkers. Very restive at delay, but all enjoyed the actual trek. Try to persuade airline to let us journalists out on first plane, VIPs, etc.

Day Eight: Persuasion didn't work and we get out on eighth plane. Never mind I'm in Kathmandu which now seems a haven of civilization. Look back fondly, wonder if family would be prepared to *try a trek. Off to Gaida wild* life camp. But that's another story.

Tips

- Check your health first with your doctor. Age is no deterrent, but physical condition can be.
- Take extra cash. Oxygen costs money and a helicopter to fly you out, if you are really sick, costs £1,000.
- Take headache pills, glucose tablets, old clothes, suntan cream.
- Nothing dries easily, so try to take disposable underwear.
- You may not like the food, or find it enough and shops are few and far between. Take chocolate bars, fruit bars from health shops etc.
- Take a bottle of whisky, or some other spirit. Its very warming and drink is difficult to buy.
- Take a torch. Not all of us can go to sleep at 6.30 whatever sort of day we've had, and then sleep for 12 hours.

Further Details:
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Everest is the most popular trek and the most expensive, but those to Annapurna and Jomoson are thought by some seasoned trekkers to be more beautiful. Personal as well as group trekking is possible, but rather more expensive. Trek tour all-inclusive prices range from £588 to £690, depending on where you go and the season.

Margaret Allen

Mountain sickness

Mountain sickness is a direct effect of exposure of the body to lowered atmospheric pressure. Above 9,000ft the thinness of the mountain air makes far less oxygen available for breathing. The respiratory rate has to be increased to maintain normal oxygen concentrations in the blood; but this faster breathing also eliminates more than usual amounts of carbon dioxide, changing the acidity of the blood and so causing symptoms such as headache, dizziness, and loss of appetite.

In severe cases the changes in internal chemistry may cause severe shortness of breath due to flooding of the lungs with fluid (acute pulmonary oedema) which may be fatal if not treated quickly. Fortunately mountain sickness is cured by return towards sea level, so that anyone who begins to feel ill on a trip to high altitude should return below 9,000ft. Acclimatization takes time, and it has to be repeated on each return visit—even Peruvian natives born at 13,000ft who spend any time at sea level need to return to their home villages in easy stages. There is no way of predicting who will or will not be affected, and the only safe rule is to stay below 12,000ft for the first two weeks at altitude. An attack of breathlessness may need treatment with the drug frusemide—but the relief given by treatment should be used to make a descent to a safer level.

Anyone travelling to the Himalayas should also take precautions against the virus jaundice so common there. An injection of gammaglobulin will give protection against the *hepatitis virus for between three and six months.*

Dr Tony Smith

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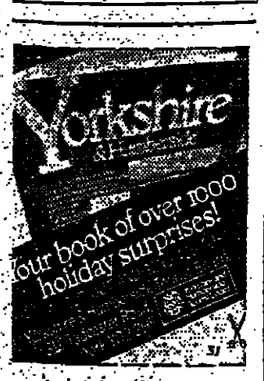
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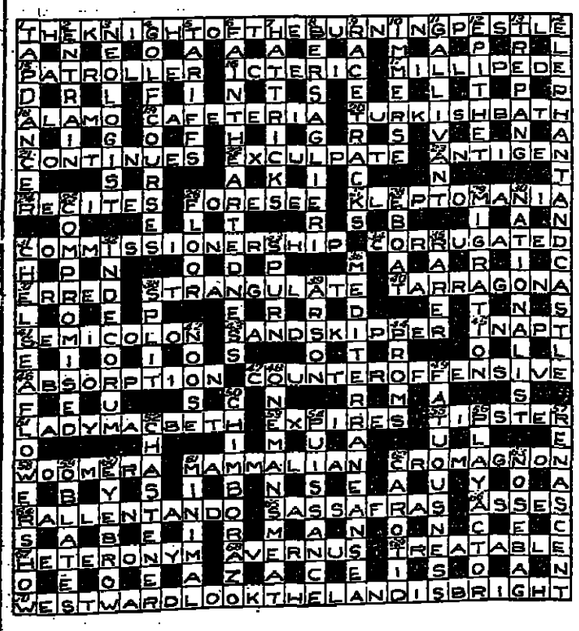
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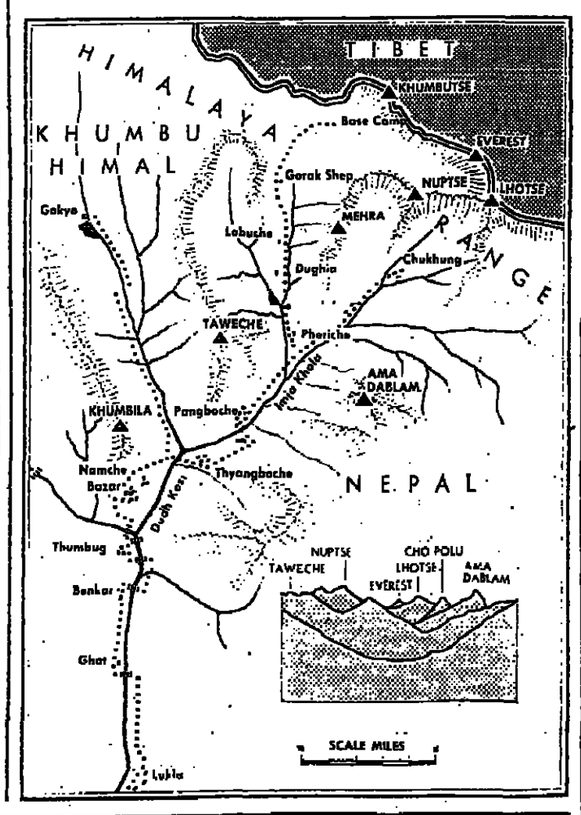
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George Hutchinson

Mr Callaghan will be 66 on March 27—Easter Monday. Nine days later, on April 5, he will enter his third year at 10 Downing Street. He remains in good health. He is a technically proficient Prime Minister (and perhaps rather more than that). He enjoys his exalted office—an office which he could not have expected to attain, and would not have attained but for his predecessor's abrupt and somewhat mysterious resignation; an office, moreover, which he would already have lost without the lifeline so readily extended to him by Mr David Steel. Meanwhile there is an apparent, if temporary, improvement in the economy, and with it a discernible rise in the Government's standing. From what seemed to be rock bottom as recently as last summer, Mr Callaghan has made a marked recovery.

These are some of the considerations—human, personal and public—which will determine his course this year insofar as he is able to set it himself and to hold to it. Like lesser mortals he is, however, exposed to the risk of unforeseen disruption and dislocation. He may be deflected by events beyond his own control or influence. As Burns had it:

The best laid schemes o' mice and men
Gang aft a-gley.

But let us assume for present purposes (and this is not an extravagant assumption) that Mr Callaghan's luck holds good. What *are* his schemes? What *is* he intending?

First, he means to remain Prime Minister until such time as he himself chooses to retire, perhaps in a couple of years. So far from wearying of public life, he is now in his element. If ingenuity and effort can prevent it, his will not be an enforced retirement after defeat at the polls, but an act of voluntary withdrawal following success at the next general election. He believes that Labour can win that election, and he has the will to match the ambition. His judgment or calculation may be wrong: but there can be no denying his *determination*—a *determination* fortified by long experience of party management and by what, in his own estimation, is a strong instinct for the public mood.

What then can we expect him to do? The answer (never mind any protestations to the contrary) is that he will go to the country when he feels pretty confident of victory. That moment will almost certainly occur this year, before any great electoral rot again sets in as the cost of living and consequent domestic hardship resumes its painful rise from the autumn onwards, as seems all too likely.

From Mr Callaghan's standpoint, a May election might be considered unnecessarily early; after October it might be too late. Thus the weight of probability seems to lie on the side of an election within nine months, bearing in mind that the Lib-Lab pact, on existing evidence, will be dissolved during the interval.

Can the Tories still win, as they would have done if put to the test last year? There are good grounds for thinking that they can.

For a start, many of the 5,000,000 and more people who voted Liberal in October 1974 will undoubtedly attach themselves to the Conservatives, such is their disgust with Labour policy and the Callaghan-Steel alliance. They will be repudiating both Mr Callaghan and Mr Steel, for they are essentialy anti-socialist. In these disaffected Liberals the Tories possess a nice reservoir of potential support.

Their prospects would be better still, of course, if they could persuade everyone to think *backwards and forwards* in time. Towards this end, they should not be too sparing with reminders of the recent past, which is easily forgotten, or too mild in exposing the measures which would accompany a further term of Labour government.

Those measures would include a wealth tax—and it would not be confined to the very rich. The TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee, pronouncing last July, envisaged "a threshold of £100,000 at present values", which would of course embrace (or rather suffocate) huge numbers whose disposable incomes, under existing taxation, leave them far removed from affluence. For example, the bare land and buildings of a 300-acre farm are worth about £100,000. The farmer's annual income might be £30 an acre—£60 a week.

Given a new mandate, with a working majority, you may be sure that Labour would soon be unfurling its old colours, marching once more (no doubt towards the sound of gunfire) under the familiar banners so prudently tucked away for the moment. It may not have escaped you that Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn is already calling for a reassertion of full-blooded socialism in the next election manifesto. One cannot but admire his honesty.

"Leave well alone", that is to say "leave well alone under Mr Callaghan, who is more conservative than the Conservatives", has become a sort of watchword in the City, from which it is no doubt spreading outwards. "Leave well alone" might be a good slogan for the Labour Party. There is nothing else to be said for it.

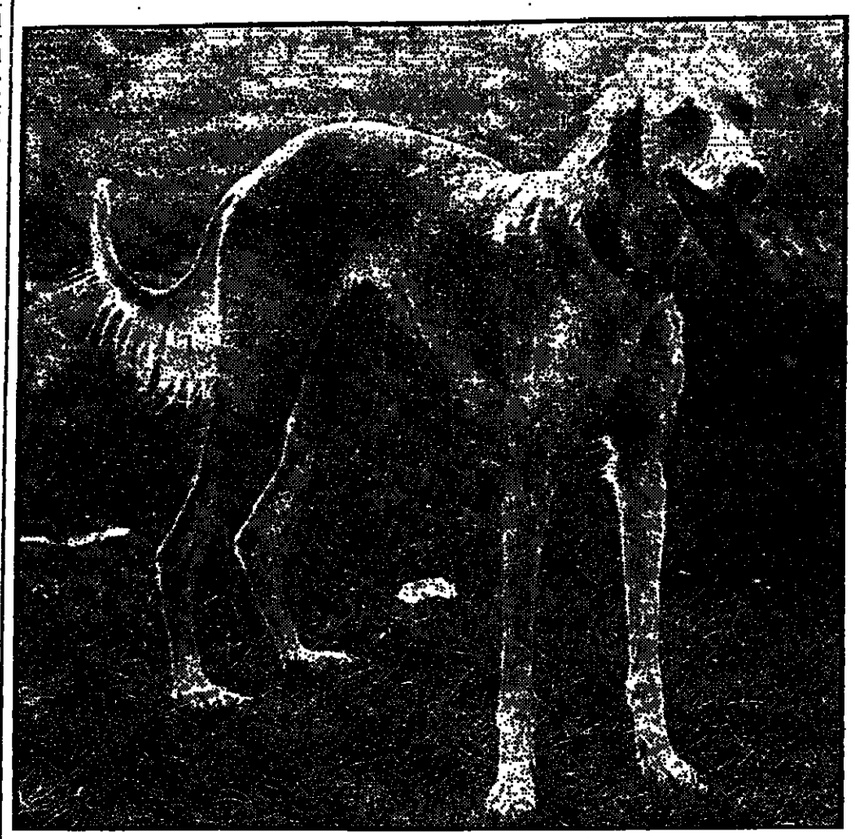
Other aspects apart, Mr Callaghan cannot be there for ever, to moderate the zealots. Nor can the restraints imposed by the International Monetary Fund be expected to endure.

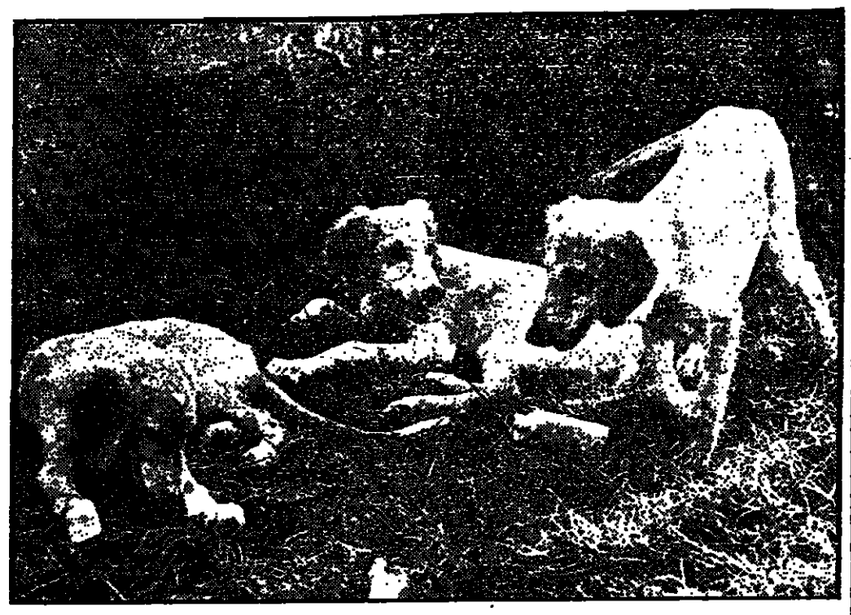
The Tories need not lose the coming election. They *could* lose it from a failure of nerve, however, and if enough of them allowed themselves to be deluded or seduced by Mr Callaghan.

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It can outrun a gazelle and was hunting in man's earliest days

The super-saluki bounds back from the brink of extinction





A Bahrain pure-bred saluki and a litter of puppies: there are now 14 in the royal pack

Bahrain's pure-bred saluki hound, which recently came close to extinction as a pedigree strain, is making a comeback. At a small farm at Hamala, near Budaiya, on the west coast of the island, the royal saluki pack has been painstakingly built up to 14, and the prospects for the continuing survival of the famous breed are good.

The Bahrain saluki has always enjoyed a special regard in the Arab world, for its beauty and agility at speed. In Europe the top speed of a saluki is reckoned at 40 mph. The fastest recorded speed at the Dana Ranch at Hamala is 42 mph, although admittedly this was an amateurish sort of exercise, involving the salukis chasing their breeder's car. The salukis were still accelerating over 42 mph when they and the breeder's car ran out of straight road.

The breed goes back to ancient times. A wall painting at Catal Huyuk in south-western Anatolia, the oldest surviving picture of a huntsman with his dog, made about 5800 BC, depicts the dog as a long-limbed saluki-like hound, in pursuit of a deer. Remains in the same area suggest that the breed was domesticated there as early as 7000 BC.

One thousand miles to the east, by the rivers flowing from the surrounding hills into the Tigris, gazelle were hunted by similar domesticated saluki-like hounds. And among pottery fragments found dating from 5300 to 4300 BC are depictions of hunting scenes with saluki hounds on the leash.

In the latter-day Arab world the saluki was kept primarily for hunting, and trained to run down hare and gazelle. The traditional method is for two or three hunters to go into the desert on foot and beat up stretches of ground for hares. These the hounds run down, breaking their backs or running the hares to earth.

Salukis rarely lose a gazelle. They gallop after it endlessly for mile after mile until the gazelle, either from terror or exhaustion, collapses. The hounds then seize the beast until the hunter thunders up on his camel and cuts its throat.

There are two types of saluki. Both are smooth-haired, but that found in Bahrain has its ears and tail lightly feathered, in two layers.

A pedigree Bahrain saluki requires: "Coat smooth, short, varying from silky satin to medium texture on back. Skin thin, pigment according to coat colour, varying from dark to light grey. Chest and stomach often mottled." (Extract from the pedigree standard).

The Bahrain saluki owes much of its Middle East fame to Shaikh Hamid bin Isa Al-Khalifa, born in 1874 and grandfather of the present ruler. Shaikh Hamid owned a magnificent pack of pure salukis, which he took with him on hunting trips to Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. Shaikh Hamid always had his favourite—a black bitch named Hosha, on whose death she was immediately replaced by another "Hosha". She accompanied the ruler everywhere and when Shaikh Hamid died at the age of 68 the last Hosha refused to leave his graveside at Rifaa, where she cried endlessly for her dead master.

Shaikh Sulman, Shaikh Hamid's son and the new Emir, asked Sir Charles Belgrave, his adviser, to care for Hosha. Once when Sir Charles took her coursing (hare-hunting) the thrill of the chase must have reawakened old memories, for she ran away, to be found later at her old master's graveside. After that, however, she settled down and lived with the Belgrave family to a ripe old age.

After his death, Shaikh Hamid's salukis were inherited by Shaikh Sulman. The pack remained at the royal palace and any stray that came near was shot, to protect the strain. In the mid-1960s, though, a dog-keeper left the palace gates open and two smooth-grey Syrian saluki bitches, who had been kept in the stables, infiltrated the pack. Its final undoing was the addition of a black-and-white spotted Irish greyhound, a huge dog that in two years created havoc. His offspring were beautiful animals, but covered in spots, which no Bahrain Arab would touch.

The breed, however, was saved—almost at the last minute. Shaikh Khalifa bin Sulman Al-Khalifa, Bahrain's Prime Minister and brother of the present Emir, had taken several of their father's pure salukis and kept them at his own majlis. And from these he gave Dana Al-Khalifa, owner of the Dana Ranch, two pure-bred puppies—a male and a female named Prince and Flika—to replace a beloved dog that had been killed by a car.

Shaikh Khalifa had also given pure-bred saluki puppies from a different litter to two British families in Bahrain. And in 1970 the Dana Ranch began attempts to revive the breed, covering their own Prince with one of the bitches belonging to the Britons.

Success was slow. There were five puppies, which were given to the ruler, Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa. All are now dead, apart from one survivor, living in Persia. The bitch belonging to the other Briton was crossed with a male that had belonged to Shaikh Isa while the royal pack was still pure. But all of these puppies save one—Sabaa—went abroad. One of the Britons later mated his bitch to Sabaa.

Meanwhile the Dana Ranch had decided to take the risk and mate the full brother and sister, Flika and Prince. The result was beyond their wildest dreams—a beautiful litter of seven, two males and five females. It is from these puppies, and the puppies born from Sabaa, that the Bahrain saluki has been revived, in a breeding operation which in effect is aunt to nephew and neice to uncle. The breeder explains that the saluki, like the Arabian horse, has always been inbred and this is no bad thing, provided there is careful selection.

None of the puppies from this royal pack are ever sold. Sometimes they are given away, but only if the breeder is convinced they are going to a good home. Eventually it is hoped to export some of them and to this end the Kennel Club of Bahrain was formed in 1973, which issues pedigrees at 5 dinars (about £7) a time for salukis who come up to the fairly rigorous standard required.

The royal saluki pack achieved fame earlier this year when they were featured in a special issue of eight Bahrain postal stamps.

This more aesthetic role is not unappropriate, for the saluki's days as a hunter, in Bahrain at any rate, are over for good. One day, Penny, one of the bitches who saved the breed, was taken to the south of the island for exercise, by her British owners. There she sighted a gazelle, ran it down and killed it. Penny herself was hunted and gunned down by game wardens and orders have gone out that any saluki seen beyond Zallaq beach should be shot on sight.

The big problem at the Dana Ranch, which is part of the Amiri stud, is labour. It is very much a one-woman operation. "The old men are dying and the young men aren't interested any more." But the efforts to save the saluki have not gone unnoticed. "Horses and salukis are part of Bahrain's heritage", says Dana Al Khalifa. "And slowly people are beginning to realize that there is more to life in Bahrain than high rents and concrete buildings."

Jack Lundin

Crossword fame some solace for Ixion

One wonders how many of those *Times* readers who could face with equanimity a television Mastermind question about Ixion have the Crossword to thank for their knowledge of this fiery revolutionary. He appears not to have been a very lovable character and was shunned by all after he had murdered his father-in-law to avoid paying the promised bride-price: Zeus however gave him purification, which kindness Ixion ungratefully repaid by aspiring to the love of Hera: Zeus thereupon created a cloud in the form of Hera which, having been duly embraced by Ixion, gave birth to the Centaurs: Zeus then condemned Ixion to revolve forever on a burning wheel in Hell—Browning has given us a poem of the victim's thoughts in that predicament. Little did Ixion's parents realize that in so naming their son they were providing crossword compilers of a later age with a welcome answer to the problem of filling the blanks in I-I-N.

Whether this extension of his fame among twentieth-century *Times* readers is any consolation to the unhappy Ixion is a question which Damon Runyon might have described as mooter than somewhat.

Of course "Ilion", "Ilian" and "inion" would also do for I-I-N, but I should not dream of inflicting the last-mentioned upon long-suffering crossword solvers, except possibly in a Championship Eliminator or a Jumbo puzzle in which an admixture of lesser-known words is allowed. For those with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge "inion" (plural "inia") is according to *Chambers* "the external occipetal protuberance" which may perhaps enrich the lives of some.

There are many words in a sort of half-way house between the well-known and the little-known. "Timoneer" for instance, though it comes in a song in *The Gondoliers*, is one such, and no doubt a fair proportion of readers will need to reach for a dictionary to remind themselves what a timoneer does for a living. Such words, in moderation, I regard as fair game provided that they are clued in a way which will enable them to be solved even by those not familiar with them. I was surprised not to find "scold's bridle" under "scold" or "bridle" in any of my dictionaries, so, though many I am sure would have delighted in the clue (not mine, I hasten to add) "Headgear for a nag", I did not wish to antagonize those readers who were not familiar with the expression, and who might have objected to the inclusion of words not readily to be found in dictionaries and I regretfully had the puzzle altered. Those desiring further enlightenment should see the definition of "branks" in *Chambers 20th Century Dictionary*.

It seems from queries received about the clue "Grave loss of fivepence out of sixpence" that some solvers have not learned that one of the first avenues to explore is the conversion of numbers into Roman numerals: it is hoped that "loss of VP out of VIP" clearly indicates the required nine-letter synonym for "grave". Similarly some years ago "1,200 minus 200" was considered a sufficient clue for "Marylebone".

While searching the dictionary to complete one corner of the Christmas Jumbo I discovered a useful word that was new to me. We all know "synonym" and "antonym", and many will know "acronym" (eg: Pluto equals Pipe Line Under The Ocean) and "homophone" which is defined as "a word pronounced alike with another but different in spelling and meaning", eg "heir" and "air". The word I discovered was "heteronym" which is a word spelt the same as another but pronounced differently and having a different meaning. Heteronyms are even more popular with crossword compilers than homophones, and wily solvers will look with suspicion at clues containing words like "row", "bow", "sow", "lead" and "gill" whose meanings depend on the way one pronounces them. I have been told of an African language in which words can have three distinct meanings depending on vocal inflexion, but among European languages I can imagine that English holds the palm for abundance of such oddities as heteronyms and homophones, which would seem to be specially designed to baffle foreigners trying to learn our tongue.

Once more the annual Curry Sark/Times National Crossword Championship is upon us, with the seven regional finals and the national final taking place at intervals between mid-March and early September. The full conditions and timetable will appear with the qualifying puzzle on Friday, January 13, and it is only necessary here to warn newcomers that since the regional finals are frequently over-subscribed they must be prepared to attempt an eliminator puzzle which will appear on Thursday, February 16, if it is needed (as it always has been for London and Bristol, and often for other regions as well): the eliminator will be very much more difficult than the original qualifying puzzle and than any other puzzles used for the Championship, but solutions with mistakes may qualify since only the least successful attempts will be eliminated. Each of the events will consist of four half-hour puzzle sessions, with intervals, and the entrance fee this year will be £1.25p which will include refreshments. May I add that my admiration of those enthusiasts who devote an afternoon to tackling four *Times* Crosswords is unbounded, and I wish them all a happy New Year.

Edmund Akenhead
Crossword Editor

'Cup Final' day at Harrods, and how it took six months to plan the sale of the year

It is time once again for an annual event which a Labour MP has described as "a revolting display of greed and avarice." It was two years ago, in the days of the £6 pay limit and general economic gloom, that Mr Bob Cryer, MP for Keighley, decided that Harrods winter sale was "a degrading spectacle showing the huge discrepancies in wealth in our society."

On that occasion the Knightsbridge store had taken £2,500,000 on the first hectic day of its sale. The shop's tills were ringing up sales at the rate of £77 every second to reach that total, and included in the bargains that the avaricious and unmodishly well-heeled customers had snapped up, to Mr Cryer's annoyance, were no fewer than 45 grand pianos.

This year the economic circumstances are generally held to be brighter, but perhaps for that very reason customers have lost something of the inclination to spend as if there would be no tomorrow.

Mr Robert Midgley, managing director of Harrods, is being rather modest about targets for this year's sale, and says only that it is hoped to better last year's record-breaking total. The volume of goods sold would, because of intervening inflation, be significantly down if that objective were not achieved.

Even so today's hectic bonanza in Knightsbridge will, as always, be the busiest day's retailing anywhere in Britain all year. It has been planned for six months ahead, and involves the store in recruiting, and at least partly training, 2,000 extra sales assistants.

In the china hall on the third floor, where suburban matrons put bulls to shame as they charge among the stacked plates and tureens to complete their dinner sets, staff have been loading the tables and display stands most of this week. They will be stripped bare of the best bargains by 11 o'clock this morning.

It is quite possible that, as happened last year, one of the wire baskets used to gather the harvest of bargain china will be squashed flat in the scrum.

It is the store's constant dread that something not so dissimilar may one day happen to a customer. Security men link arms to hold back the press at the main doors, Number 5 by the escalators, as the count-down to opening time proceeds tensely by walkie-talkie.

Mothers with babes in arms, or those who think they are going to be able to take push-chairs or prams into the shop on the first day of the sale, have to be weeded out of the queues. A security man stands by the panic button at each end of every escalator, in case someone should stumble or a blockage occur.

So far, despite the throng and the fistfights that have sometimes developed from disputed claims to have laid hands first on something that would actually fit, serious injuries have been avoided. But there are always frayed tempers and fainting fits and all Harrods medical staff, a doctor, four nurses, and an auxiliary, are on call throughout the day.

With years of practice Harrods' managers have sale-time down to a well-ordered drill, but the volume of business creates bottlenecks that no-one can avoid. Fewer and fewer people (wisely) bring cash to the sales, but transactions by cheque and credit card are more complicated to process. It can take 45 minutes in a jostling queue to buy a pair of trousers with a few pounds off in the men's shop.

Fifty uniformed security men patrol the store and all the doors are manned throughout the day, besides the undisclosed numbers of plain clothes store detectives and other anti-theft systems in use. Even so there are always cases of pickpocketing, and it is anyone's guess how many goods leave the store unpaid for. No one who has been at the first day of the sale will doubt that the melee makes the shoplifters' day an easy one.

Nor will they doubt that Harrods sale, like the Cup Final or New Year's Eve in Trafalgar Square, is as close as the British come to a popular festival. It is the occasion on which the natives re-invade their biggest department store, which caters for most of the year largely to foreign tourists.

There were five television crews to film last year's sale for audiences round the world, and this year's event has been advertised in papers in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany in the Middle Eastern edition of the *International Herald Tribune* and on French commercial radio.

Perhaps it will be the foreigners who buy most of the window full of furs, every model with its four figure price slashed to half or less, but there will be hundreds of thousands of bargains for Britons too. But the time you read this I will be deep in the food halls queue seeing if I can secure another half-price Christmas pudding to keep for next year.

And only on Monday will the nattily Harrods-dressed Mr Midgley (Chester Barrie suit, £160 out of sale, but only £110 in), his fellow-directors, and his staff of thousands, including the temporary helpers, be allowed to do their own discount shopping among the bargains we first day fetishists have left behind.

Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent



Can Melvyn Bragg open the purses for authors

Literature in England is a to have its first three- plan. Melvyn Bragg, the chairman of the Arts Cou Literature Panel, believes about time that state su for literature took a great forward.

Certainly in financial t literature is the Arts Cou poor relation. Its annual this financial year—of over £500,000—is a tem the sum awarded to the Opera House; even the arts side receives three the literature budget.

Until a year or two this of Arts Council support just about sufficient to with the schemes put for by the Literature Panel: cial backing to organiz such as the National League and the Poetry So grants to writers to e them to write, and to lishers for the publishir particular and not obvi profitable titles, subsidie little magazines. Add sundries and there you the scope of state subsid literature.

But this has been frustr too. I have served on Literature Panel for years now and know inhibiting it is to realize t scheme costed at £50,000 gobble up a tenth of ture's budget. New ideas flourish in such a climate.

Charles Osborne, the ture director of the Arts cil, thinks the panel se sights too low in the past.

What attracted Bragg t job? He could well turned it down on the gr that his new job—editing presenting London Week *The South Bank Show* a long spell with the BBC taking up all his time. Bragg is also a writer.

Says Bragg: "Publishi in a funny state—partly ing, partly in difficulties. it's literature that is in nor healthy a condition. You see it in fiction, first nov particular. Perhaps we n national publishing house perhaps we should simpl crease the chance of new ing rewarding a publisher a bigger public."

Therefore, he believes the first aim of the Liter Panel should be to ide what is best in contemp writing and then ensu reaches more people.

Charles Osborne ag "We don't just mean press' material, but stream fiction and poe Bragg would like to see going to small bookshops want to sell literature just best-sellers—but fin economically difficult or possible. "Why can't the Council subsidize a specia tion or room in a shop fiction and poetry?" he "It could say that this wouldn't be there, but fo Arts Council's help."

All this would ultim help the poor author, has, he feels, always had worst deal of any of the cipants in the book busi As Bragg puts it bluntly: the authors who are paid, the slave labour. Th the people who must something done for them, must be our top priority".

Unlike recent chairmen the Literature Panel (an them Angus Wilson, Sir Hampshire and Roy Fu Bragg needs no settling period as he has alr served as a panel membe the past. At the next p meeting he will make his v clear: "What we need policy. We must define role and set ourselves targets by Easter. We wa three-year plan and we sh issue a statement—a dec tion of intent. It doesn't ter if it is challenged—it all the better if it is. We a debate. We've fitted needs of literature up to but times change. We nee declare what should be now."

Ion Trev
Literary Ed

Ian Murray got his s wrong when working out cost of caviar in P (December 24). It costs an ounce, not £14 as he

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MR CARTER ABROAD

President Carter's foreign excursion has been a bit like his Administration—ambitious, a bit confused, occasionally inept, optimistic, worth while and generally heading in the right direction. Its value has tended to be obscured by newsworthy incidents such as the mistranslations in Poland, the eavesdropping microphone in India, and the slightly loose wording of remarks in the Middle East. But these are relatively minor accidents of a type to which President Carter's White House is prone wherever it is. They do not diminish the value of the trip. Before taking office President Carter had travelled much less than most other recent presidents-elect. He had done a great deal of intensive study but he had not made much direct contact with foreign peoples and places. Now he has at least made fleeting contact with a selected few, and has further trips in mind.

Over and above this it is important nowadays that an American president should show his face in different parts of the world. The United States is climbing out of a period of shame and demoralization and is once again being looked to as a source of power, ideas and help. A president who stays at home is quickly suspected of being interested only in domestic problems and letting even his foreign policy be dictated by them. A travelling president with his vast retinue demonstrates direct personal interest in the only effective way. He also concentrates the attention of the government apparatus concerned on the issues to be discussed. He therefore generates a vast amount of activity invisible to the watching crowds but generally fruitful for both sides.

On this trip the spotlight glanced briefly on Poland, switched to Iran, to India, back to the Middle East and then to western Europe, all key places in the pattern of American interests. In Poland it illuminated the country's special place in eastern Europe, brought promises of new credits, and provided a glimpse of a relatively but not wholly open news conference. In Iran the main subjects were arms sales nuclear reactors and the Horn of Africa. In India the main subject was nuclear non-proliferation, in the Middle East it was the Middle East (and in Saudi Arabia oil and the dollar), in western Europe the basic military and political security of western democracy. Probably no decisions were made or business transacted which could not in theory have been handled through diplomatic machinery but the stimulus of a personal visit by the president created more impetus and more publicity.

President Carter therefore returns to Washington having done more than merely escaped the frustrations and disarray of his domestic policies. He has confirmed and enhanced the foreign dimension of his presidency. When he took office he was expected to be primarily a domestic president. Instead it is in foreign policy that he has achieved most movement while his domestic initiatives have either faltered for lack of clarity or been obstructed by political and other interest groups which Mr Carter failed to take sufficiently into account. In the Middle East he has been somewhat overtaken by events but he has helped along the most remarkable new opening for many years. In Africa he has made significant progress in winning the confidence of black governments and peoples. With the Soviet Union he has managed to overcome a difficult start without wholly abandoning his commitment to human rights. In Latin America and elsewhere he has also introduced into his policies an often inconvenient and inconsistent but fundamentally proper concern for human rights.

The result is a marked revival in America's prestige and a corresponding increase in confidence among its allies. To sustain this, however, Mr Carter will also have to find more success at home. The president can no longer make foreign policy entirely on his own. In the long run he needs congressional support for that too. If he cannot get his domestic policies out of mud in which they are stuck he will gradually find his foreign policies becoming bogged down as well. He should therefore be hoping that the stimulus and prestige which he brings back from abroad will help him unstick the wheels of his domestic wagon.

BRAZIL'S NEXT PRESIDENT

The Brazilians have now been told who their next President is to be—General João Batista Figueiredo, the head of the Army's intelligence service. It is a matter of some importance not just to them, but to the rest of the world as well, because Brazil is now beginning to emerge as a presence on the world scene. A country of vast natural resources and a population of 110 million—though without much oil—it has been growing economically since the 1960s. It is already a giant in the South American market, and is beginning to sell its goods farther afield in the Middle East and Africa. The Americans received a reminder of its growing independence when they tried last year to stop the huge nuclear deal with West Germany, and met with a flat refusal. Brazil has the capacity to develop into a considerable power by the 1990s, if all goes well.

Outside the Brazilian armed forces, General Figueiredo is little known. He has been handpicked by President Geisel, whose own term ends in March, 1979, and the expectation is that he will follow the same broad lines. The main uncertainty is whether he will continue the policy of cautious political liberalization which has been the mark of President Geisel's term of office. Progress in this area has been fitful, and the armed forces have made it clear that they have the last word on political matters. But arbitrary arrest and torture have been almost eliminated, and there have been remarkable gains in press freedom.

It seems ironic to expect a liberal policy from the head of an intelligence service, especially one with the reputation of Brazil's. Certainly opponents of the military regime are not optimistic about General Figueiredo's policies when he takes over; some are afraid that he could be tougher on opposition than President Geisel has been. All that can be said is that he is likely to be more open than one of his main rivals for the succession, General Sylvio Frota, the former Minister of the Army. General Frota was a hard-liner, and his dismissal by President Geisel last October, followed by his abortive attempt at a coup, sent reverberations through the armed forces.

Opposition to General Figueiredo continues to be strong within the armed forces, and one of his main problems will be coming to terms with it. Objections come partly from hard-liners, and partly from those who believe that, for hierarchical reasons, the President should at least be a four-star general, whereas General Figueiredo has only three. There are also pressures from civilian supporters of the regime, who think that the time has come for a civilian President and greater liberalization.

Brazil is in fact at a critical point in its development, after 13 years of military rule. There are pressures building up for a return to civilian rule, or at least for doing away with the Government's arbitrary powers and putting its decisions on a legal basis. President Geisel announced last month that he was prepared to take steps in that direction; and since he has shown himself an active President, with definite views of his own, there is no reason to suppose that he will be inactive for the nearly 15 months that he still has to serve. After that, it will be up to General Figueiredo to set about the task of reconciling the different interests, and see whether Brazil can be steered into the glowing future that is so often predicted for it.

TWO MILLION WHIZ KIDS

Skateboards are a marvellous invention. There is nothing like them for whizzing about on, for thrills and skills and spills. Everyone out of their teens has reason to regret that the technology was not assembled years ago. Of course they may be dangerous, like bicycling, riding, climbing trees, bathing in the sea. Whether they are more dangerous than those familiar pastimes only time will tell.

The craze, which came out of California, hit Britain last year with gale force. Commercial Christmas hoisted the sales until altogether two million of the things are believed to have crossed the counter. Like all things good or bad, and ubiquitous, skateboards have become a "social problem". Questions are being prepared for parliamentary answer: will the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs lay down minimum standards as a matter of urgency? Will the Secretary of State for the Environment take power to compel local authorities to provide proper skateboarding facilities? Chief constables wonder whether to enforce dormant by-laws framed to banish from their pavements the earlier menace of roller-skating. Meanwhile organization gets a grip from within. There is now a governing body (something yo-yos never had), the National Skateboarding Association, which has received recognition by the Sports Council. Mr Denis Howell, Minister for Sport, has not yet moved openly into the rink, though we can be sure he is mindful of his responsibilities, and that no bunch of kids from South Africa will be permitted to bring their skateboards here.

The public complaint that local authorities have not been doing their stuff by providing custom-built skateboard parks is most unfair. Ever since the war, with their comprehensive redevelopment of town centres, their flat or multi-storey car parks, their landscaped tower blocks, their precincts and subways and walkways, and their general addiction to concrete, they have been busy making a world fit for skateboarders to live in. All that is needed now is a little ingenuity in traffic segregation. Take Hyde Park Corner, for instance. Unseen and largely unknown, it is criss-crossed by underground galleries and bunkers over which the Royal Artillery war memorial presciently stands guard. The few intrepid pedestrians who now venture into the labyrinth in the hope of coming out at the other side could be redirected and the whole complex be dedicated to wet weather skating.

On the whole the less that municipal authority, the law, MPs, the Trades Union Congress, investigative journalism, and the British Council of Churches are called upon to intervene, the better. Skateboarding is the best youthful antidote to urban boredom and confinement that has come along for years. A price of some inconvenience and some breaks and bruises is worth paying. The kids and the salesmen got it going. Within broad limits, the ways and means can best be left to them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Picture cleaning in National Gallery

From Sir Philip Hendy

Sir, A correspondent has drawn my attention to the following passage in Lord Clark's latest memoirs *The Other Half*. Lord Clark is discussing the subject of picture-cleaning, and describing the return of the pictures to the National Gallery after the war—many of them newly cleaned. He concludes with the sentence: "No one complained about them" (p 78).

It is easy to understand Lord Clark's lapse of memory. But the record must be set straight for the sake of National Gallery history.

Velazquez's portrait of "Philip IV in Brown and Silver" was cleaned in 1936, when Sir Kenneth Clark was the Director. This picture has the distinction of being the subject of the longest controversy any single picture has had to endure. I myself wrote an article in *The London Mercury* for October 1936 praising the cleaning, but the controversy dragged on till March 1937.

In 1946 I succeeded Sir Kenneth Clark as Director. At the first monthly board meeting I put down among the agenda the cleaning of certain pictures. It was ruled that cleaning was entirely the business of the Director, as it had been under my predecessor.

As expected, a cleaning controversy broke out anew in the autumn. Unfortunately I no longer have access to the files of the National Gallery, but I seem to remember that the first pictures complained about had been cleaned as long ago as 1941-2: pictures like Rubens's "Peace and War" and the wonderful "A View in Holland", which was described as an "incoherent ruin" as a result of the cleaning.

Before the year was out it was decided to have an exhibition of all the pictures cleaned since 1939. At the same time it was resolved that an independent inquiry should be held into the condition of all the pictures whose cleaning had been criticized. J. R. H. Weaver, then President of Trinity College, Oxford, was appointed chairman. The other members were the late Dr Paul Coremans, founder of the Coremans Institute, Brussels, and Dr George Stout, lately Director of the Department of Conservation and Research at Harvard University.

A summary of their report was published in *The Times* on May 8, 1948, but the report itself was submitted to the trustees a year before that. The committee had carefully examined all the ten pictures which had been criticized; and declared them all undamaged by the recent cleaning.

It is true that Lord Clark was not the subject of attack during the controversy of that time, but the fact is he should have shared the responsibility with me. Out of the ten pictures examined by the Weaver Committee, five were cleaned under his care, and five under mine.

On the other hand, I have fully gained my point about the responsibility for the cleaning. Since the exhibition of the cleaned pictures, no picture has been cleaned without the full authority of the Board of Trustees.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HENDY,
Whistlers Barn,
Great Haseley,
Oxford.
January 1.

A Chaplin monument

From Mr Illtyd Harrington

Sir, Lord Vaizey is all for art with a capital "A". On the contrary, I'm for commemorating Charlie Chaplin in a fashion people will understand—and so, to judge from my postbag—are those who are proud to call themselves Cockneys. The man in the street knows that Nelson's Column is Nelson's Column because he sees a statue of Nelson on top of it; the rest is only an outsize pedestal. Who would recognize the most compelling clown of our time in a confection of coloured lights—with the exception of his Lordship and his fellow intellectuals?

There must be someone around who can produce a lively image of the immortal Charlie and if there isn't it's a sad comment on the present state of the visual arts.

Yours sincerely,
ILLTYD HARRINGTON,
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Greater London Council,
The County Hall, SE1.
January 5.

Common sense in politics

From Mr D. G. Farrow

Sir, Mr Reginald Maudling's plea (letter, January 4) for the establishment of a Chair of Common Sense in one of our universities is presumably provoked by the lack of common sense in public life.

I wonder if it has occurred to him that somebody may prove his point by following his advice.

Yours faithfully,
D. G. FARROW,
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Norfolk.
January 4.

Tales of Kai Lung

From Mrs Joan Townsend

Sir, It isn't fair. Some fiend stole my *Wallet of Kai Lung* and *Kai Lung Unrolls His Mat* (Penguin editions) a long time ago. Mr Bernard Levin can have a full-spread quarter page of *The Times* and will doubtless be inundated with Ernest Bramah's bejewelled works, whereas I, who have derived no less delight from his works, will be lucky to get a corner of the correspondence columns, luckier still if my letter is read by the villainous friend who took them, and lucky beyond all measure if he returns them. Perhaps Mr Levin would let me know if a bookseller does come up with any copies. Please give him this stamp with my best wishes for his success.

Yours hopefully,
JOAN TOWNSEND,
234 Old Lodge Lane,
Purley.
December 30.

Dr Leavis and Mr Eliot

From Dame Helen Gardner, FBA

Sir, I cannot accept Mr Robinson's view in his letter of January 4 that there is something disgraceful in changing one's mind, and that Eliot's lecture on Milton, modifying after 10 years an essay of 1936, was any more of a "shameful capitulation to the then literary establishment" than was Dr Leavis's discovery, after a similar interval, that other novels of Dickens than *Hard Times* could challenge "an adult mind" to "an unusual and sustained seriousness". Eliot in his early essay conceded that "Milton is a very great poet indeed", but found it puzzling to define his greatness and thought his influence on later English poets a bad influence. Dr Leavis, similarly, conceded that Dickens was a "great genius" and "permanently among the classics", but defined his genius as that of "a great entertainer", except in *Hard Times*. Both men had perfectly honourable reasons for modifying their earlier views, though neither of them, in my view, attained to a just estimate of the genius of the writers they discussed.

As for Lawrence, I do not know the source of the "unforgivable reference" that Mr Robinson ascribes to Eliot. I only know that in *After Strange Gods* Eliot fully recognized Lawrence's genius before analyzing what he thought perverted and "sick" in his view of life; that he never allowed this book to be reprinted; and that he would have been called for the defence of Penguin Books in the trial over the publication of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, if the judge had not called a halt to the procession of witnesses. If this is regarded as only a further example of capitulation to a rather different "literary establishment", are we similarly to accuse E. M. Forster, who emerged from retirement to join a miscellaneous collection of persons who, whatever their views on Lawrence and on this particular book, were unwilling to allow him to be stigmatized in the courts as a "dirty writer" and to see Penguin Books mulcted for making his last novel available to persons unable to afford a limited edition. I do not wish to suggest that Dr Leavis had not good and honourable reasons for declining to give evidence for the defence, but it was difficult not to feel, having endured the rough-and-tumble of cross-examination at the Old Bailey, "We fought at Arques and you were not there". I saw Eliot's brief of evidence. It showed great moral courage.

When Mr Robinson speaks of Eliot's "creative powers" drying up "tragically early" and connects this with some kind of apostasy, he appears not to have noted that, unlike composers, painters and sculptors, who frequently produce great and original masterpieces in old age, poets who develop a "late style", in which they produce works comparable to, and in some cases excelling, the works of their maturity are rather rare. Milton, Hardy, Yeats are exceptional, whereas Verdi, Titian, Donatello are not.

Finally, I hope I am not alone in regretting that you mixed with your congratulations to Dr Leavis and your pleasure at his accepting an honour from the establishment, a raking over of the ashes of old squabbles, I regret even more that Mr Robinson has mixed a salute to a "great pedagogue" with an attack on a great poet. We owe more to the poets than we do to pedagogues and what Eliot has given the world will outlast anything any of us has written about him.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN GARDNER,
Myrtle House,
Eynsham,
Oxford.

Applying the Land Fund

From the Director-General of the National Trust

Sir, The front page article by your Political Correspondent (December 28), the letter from the Director of the National Trust for Scotland (January 3) and the news about Baddesley Clinton (January 4) have directed attention once again to the National Land Fund at a time when the report of the Environment Sub-Committee of the Public Expenditure Committee of the House of Commons is awaited.

The National Trust hopes for decisions on three main points. The first is that the Fund needs to be constituted as a true contingency fund, able to meet a need when it arises, free from normal public expenditure restraints. The second, as Mr Stormonth Darling has said, is that the National Land Fund will be used more freely to acquire outstanding countryside for the nation.

The third is a more personal point. The two National Trusts have been given unique strength by Parliament through their power to declare land inalienable. Once they have accepted something for preservation, they cannot be tempted or bullied to part with a single property, and it is this that gives the generous owners of beautiful places and beautiful objects the confidence to offer them to the National Trusts. Acceptance means preservation for ever. It lays on the Trusts the duty to cherish the individuality and special qualities of every property. This demands high standards and management of a high calibre, and is expensive. In our view therefore the National Land Fund should be used, as it has not been used hitherto, to provide endowments when these are necessary.

It seems that Baddesley Clinton will be the first test of how far the new thinking is accepted.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. BOLES, Director-General,
The National Trust,
42 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

Gas-cooled reactors

From the Chairman of the South of Scotland Electricity Board

Sir, On December 6 you published a letter from me which corrected errors in an article in your paper about Hunterston B Nuclear Power Station. I was therefore surprised to find these and other errors in your second leader last Tuesday and I feel obliged to ask you to publish the following:

1 It is not true that the AGRs at Hunterston B and Hinkley Point B have been commissioned in the past few months. The first of the two reactors at each station has been in commission for approaching two years.

2 Hunterston B Power Station is not shut down. The first reactor is operating well and is making an important contribution to electricity supplies in Scotland. The salt water leakage into the pressure vessel of the second reactor was due to human error and not to any design weakness in the plant. The AGR is not more prone to the consequences of such errors than other reactor systems.

3 It is not true that no AGR is working properly or that they have been derated to 400 MW. As a precaution we set an initial limit of 550 MW at Hunterston B pending in-service checks and both units have run regularly at this figure. We have no intention of derating to 400 MW and we expect that the 550 MW limit will be temporary. As regards reliability, the reactors have behaved exceptionally well and such outages as have occurred have almost always been due to faults in the conventional plant, which is similar to that used in fossil fuelled power stations.

4 I do not recognize your development cost estimate for the AGR of £3,000 million or the overrun of over £1,000 million. To help to put the matter in perspective, the final capital cost of Hunterston B is just over £140 million. The greater part of the increase over the initial estimate of £97 million was due simply to general inflation in the cost of labour and materials. Put another way, Hunterston B and Hinkley Point B have together cost less than one-tenth of the estimate that you quote.

Contrary to the conclusions in your leader, our own careful assessment of the facts has led us to advocate the construction of more AGRs in preference to PWRs. We have no reason to do other than make the best available choice in the interest of our consumers and you can be quite sure that my Board would not have chosen the AGR if they were dissatisfied with those that we already have in service.

Yours faithfully,
ROY BERRIDGE, Chairman,
South of Scotland Electricity Board,
Inverlair Avenue,
Glasgow.
January 4.

By tube to Heathrow

From Lady Burton of Coventry

Sir, Mr Robbins (December 31) is mistaken. I did not suggest that air travellers with luggage should be able to use the new Underground link to the airport by boarding the train at central London stations. I merely put forward one—Gloucester Road—and for the reasons given.

It does seem quite extraordinary that a new link to Heathrow airport, constructed at considerable public cost, should expressly exclude use by air travellers with luggage. After all, this is a normal condition for people going away. Mr Robbins mentions the airport coach service in 1970. At that time it was a pleasure to use it. Has Mr Robbins done so recently—with luggage?

What still dismays me, after working on consumer affairs for 27 years in both Houses of Parliament, is not the fact that customers do not get all they want but that "authority" refuses even to consider what may be legitimate suggestions or requests. This is particularly true of nationalized industry. At last this approach seems to be changing—anyway at the Post Office. Who knows—one day even air travellers with luggage may be considered legitimate passengers on the rail link to our central airport?

Yours faithfully,
BURTON OF COVENTRY,
House of Lords.
January 4.

Digging up the road

From Sir Peter Tennant

Sir, Ratepayers and taxpayers are baffled by the habit of our public utilities digging their holes separately instead of coordinating their activities so as to reduce cost, inconvenience and time. Local government engineers seem powerless to prevent electricity, gas, water, drains and telephones being laid by separate teams of contractors who destroy one another's cables and pipes, dig up trenches which have just been filled and resurfaced and prolong the agony for local householders and ratepayers with noise, mud, inaccessible roads and essential services rendered unusable.

I have experienced drainage water pouring down telephone ducts, gas bubbling up through water pipes and electrical cables cut with compressed air drills because there were no charts or plans to show where they had been laid. In one case I presented a local authority with well proven designs for systems where all services are placed in prefabricated concrete ducts which are accessible through slabs placed across the trench. This idea was turned down as too expensive even though the total cost of the operation in the end in this particular case was over four times the original estimate.

Overmanning, jobs for the boys and lack of coordination seem to be characteristic of much local government public works. Perhaps central government might play a useful part in helping to reduce expenditure by insisting that the nationalized industries coordinate their activities so that they can retrieve their wires and pipes without destroying those of other kindred services or making the roads impassable for too long.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TENNANT,
Blue Anchor House,
Linchmere Road,
Haslemere,
Surrey.
January 3.

Syrian diplomats killed in London

From Mr Faris Glubb

Sir, I am astonished that certa British news media are trying make the public believe that t two Syrian diplomats killed recent in London were blown up by a bom that they had planned to pla elsewhere. No evidence has y been put forward to substantia this charge, which is pure specul tion.

To the best of my knowledg Syria has never carried out any ac of sabotage in Britain, so I see r grounds for alleging that she is pla ning to do so now. Even if th were the case, it is too far-fetche to imagine that the Medical Attach at the Embassy would be chosen fc such a task.

This attempt to damage the repu tation of two men who are dea and therefore not able to refute th unsubstantiated allegations again them, offends my British sense c fair play. But perhaps I am bein old-fashioned.

Yours faithfully,
FARIS GLUBB,
West Wood St Dunstan,
Mayfield,
Sussex.
January 6.

Reforming Parliament

From Mr Richard Holme

Sir, The problem with Parliamen reforming itself, as Sir Willian Hayter implies (Letters, Decembe 28), is that it is difficult, and prob ably undesirable, for any body t be judge in its own cause.

This is not just because veste interest obscures clear judgment. I is also because objective analysis i difficult from inside any institution Why else do large companies em ploy management consultants whe they think there is a case for funda mental organizational change?

There are now several relatec constitutional matters: the role anc structure of a Second Chamber, the desirability or otherwise of a Bil of Rights, the case for a written constitution, whether we should have electoral reform or not, the status and scope of administrative law, as well as the functioning of the House of Commons itself, which clamour for comprehensive and thorough review.

It is difficult to believe that Parliament on its own is capable of considering these matters in other than a partial and piecemeal way. Surely the time has come for a distinguished Constitutional Commission, which would include parliamentarians, to review these matters and to make recommendations which would command public confidence in their thoroughness and objectivity.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOLME,
12 Upper Belgrave Street, SW1,
January 3.

Kilometres for miles

From Professor John Marshall

Sir, The protagonists of the mile do not seem to appreciate that it disappeared a long time ago. If you ask anyone who lives in one of our great conurbations (which is the fate of the majority of this country) how far he lives from work, he will immediately reply twenty minutes, half an hour or an hour. If pressed to convert this measure to either miles or kilometres he will be quite unable to do so. Even on longer journeys to the ancestral home which many have made during the Christmas season it is still a matter of "only three hours up the motorway".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARSHALL,
Institute of Neurology,
Queen Square, WC1.
January 5.

From Dr Mary Corbett

Sir, Why this dislike of kilometres? I like doing more kph than mph and, especially, more kpg than mpg.

Yours faithfully,
MARY CORBETT,
152 Harley Street, W1.
January 4.

Begorrah

From Mr Paddy McGarvey

Sir, Sure wasn't it grand reading all that nice easy stuff about oul Ireland in your special report the other day, except if ye'll pardon me your honour, but sure there wasn't a word of a lie in the half of it, nor a word of the truth in the other half of it, so that in the twixt and tween of it all, the reading of it was more trouble than a jab in the eye from a fiddler's elbow.

There was Mr John Young, him that said English visitors need not feel apologetic, but telling us all the same about that grand wee paper I worked on, the Skibbereen Eagle, warning "Mister" Hitler to behave himself, and sure if he comes back again to stand once more on "the stupendous cliffs of Moher", he need have no fear of being pushed over them for his inherent Anglicised elitism, as the darlin' cliffs are not there at all at all, them being at Moher this many a day, and the paper casting its eye on the "Czar of all the Russias", so an unproven story goes, about 40 years fornint the time of Mister Hitler.

And me poor darlin' Donal Foley telling us that Corkmen play road bowls with "a solid stone ball". Such a fancy must have overtaken the cravthur after kissing the stone at Blarney, for when the West Corkmen come to play match championships in the only other county that plays the game, my native Armagh, they do be playing with bowls made of lead, weighed and graded.

Will you be after telling me this; why do so many of my colleagues, confronted with a trip to Ireland, throw facts out of the window, and commence bejabbering and bejibbering in their writing, and beslobbering over the "black stuff" or the "hard stuff", or both, and isn't that why, Editor Darlin, the British people dont understand the Irish at all at all, north or south.

PADDY McGARVEY,
78 Hill Street,
Lurgan,
Co Armagh.
December 29.

Licensing photocopying

From Dr L. D. Barron

Sir, Ready access to basic knowledge and new discoveries is essential to the progress of science. It is no coincidence that the scientific revolution of the seventeenth century, without which our modern comfortable world would not exist, followed the invention of the printing press.

When set in this context, the abuse and waste associated with modern photocopying techniques is of little moment: the value to the scientific research worker of having, quite literally at his fingertips, in his office, laboratory, or at home, personal copies of every article ever published on his topic is inestimable. To hamper through the introduction of more stringent photocopying regulations, the access of British scientists and engineers to current knowledge, would place them at a serious disadvantage compared with their colleagues in other countries. Since this country is [illegible] to "live by its brains", it is duty of the Government to [illegible] that ready access to knowledge should take precedence over [illegible] considerations.

Authors receive no payment for their research articles (indeed, some journals insist on payment from the author's institution), and want to see their work disseminated as widely as possible. If the proposed new photocopying regulations become law, British authors should refuse to publish in journals that do not waive their new rights (I am not suggesting that they should waive their existing rights). Furthermore most journals have a strict policy that all articles must be refereed by an appropriate expert: again, since referees receive no payment, they should respond only to journals that waive their new photocopying rights.

Yours faithfully,
L. D. BARRON,
Chemistry Department,
The University,
Glasgow.

The English Christmas

From Mr Clive Thomas

Sir, Your art critic, Paul Overy, takes the Tate to task today when he writes that having spent money on buying important works such as Andre's bricks they should spend an equal amount explaining why the works are important. Whilst one may agree with this sentiment I believe it equally important for your art critic to devote at least some space justifying the barbed introduction to his column where he claims that it is necessary to escape to France to avoid "the increasingly appalling English Christmas".

From a wealth of opportunities stretching from doing nothing to visiting the Tate, we chose this year among other things: to go carolling; attend midnight service in an 11th century church; walk miles over some of England's glorious countryside in crisp fine weather; see a performance of *As You Like It* at Stratford-on-Avon and watch on television the delectable performance of *Die Fledermaus* with Kiri te Kanawa and Hermann Prey; listen on the radio to the King's College, Cambridge choir; enjoy the company of friends, good food and good conversation. An appalling English Christmas?

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE THOMAS,
Hillside House,
Wrotham,
Kent.

COURT CIRCULAR

:ANDRINGHAM
anuary 6: Today, being the 'east of Epiphany, Holy Communion was celebrated in the 'hapel Royal, St James's Palace, when the customary offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were made *on behalf* of The Queen by Mr Carron Greig and Mr Marshal Sir Maurice Heath Gentlemen Ushers to Her Majesty).

The Bishop of London (Dean of Her *Majesty's Chapels* Royal), assisted by the Reverend Canon James Mansel (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal and Domestic Chaplain to The Queen) and the Reverend William Booth *Priest in Ordinary*), officiated. The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty n the Chapel.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, 79; Mr Gerald Durrell, 53; Sir Frederick Gibberd, 70; Sir James Harford, 79; Sir Maynard Jenour, 3; General Sir Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan, 81; *Sir Alastair* Pilkington, 58; Mr Arnold Ridley, 82; Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston, 67; Air Commodore and Alderman the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, 56.

TOMORROW: Canon J. S. Boys Smith, 77; Mr John Davies, MP, 52; Sir Maxwell Entwistle, 68; Sir Patrick Fletcher, 77; Major-General J. R. Holden, 65; Sir Edward Norman, 78; the Hon *Mabel Strickland, 79; Air Com*mandant Dame Alice Williamson, 75.

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Mr Charles Morris, Minister of State, Civil Service Department, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Major M. Jayawickreme, Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, Sri Lanka. Among the guests were:
The High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, Mr D. B. I. P. S. Siriwardhana, Mr Johan Edirisooriya, Mr W. Deedes, Mr Ian Trethowan, Mr I. Clemitson, MP, Mr P. G. Molloy, Mr R. McCall and Mr W. Bree.

Shrievalty of Cumbria
The High Sheriff of Cumbria, Mr Edward Fleming Smith, was host at a luncheon held in the Tithe Barn, Carlisle, yesterday and attended by the High Sheriffs of the former counties of Cumberland, Westmorland and part of Lancashire, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, and Captain Jeremy Elwes, Chairman of the Shrievalty Association, were the chief guests and speakers. Other guests included:
the High Sheriffs of Lancashire, Northumberland, Durham, Tyne and Wear and Cleveland. The crown court judges of the county and the Chairman of Cumbria County Council also attended.

Argos Metals Limited
Mrs Clarice Salter, chairman of Argos Metals Limited, presided yesterday at a luncheon held at the Savoy Hotel. The guests of honour were Mr V. Sinev, President of Almaze Corporation, and a trade delegation from Moscow.

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Mr Reginald Murley, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college Mr J. G. Cuckney, Mr John Goble, Mr T. E. Potts, Professor Harold Ellis, Mr Ian Pelham Todd and Mr W. F. Davis.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, Jan 6, 1953.

An important step towards the return of western Germany to international air transport is being taken today, when the company which will prepare for the future Lufthansa is formed in Cologne. The new airline cannot come into action until after the signing of the general treaty and supplementary conventions with the western powers, one of which will sanction the revival of civil aviation in the Federal Republic. Plans for resuscitating the former activities of the Lufthansa have been in hand for two years. The new airline intends to return to much the same extensive routes as existed up to 1939, but it is expected to take about four years to develop them fully. There will be an internal network, links with European capitals, and services to North and South America, South Africa and south-east Asia. To start its European and overseas services the operating company will need 12 twin-engined and 12 four-engined airliners. As Germany is not permitted to build aircraft she must buy them from abroad.

LITERATURE AND RELIGION—37 *ROGER MARTIN DU GARD*

Down the slippery slope of symbolic interpretation

The Dreyfus Affair—France's Watergate—is not more than a distant memory. The best account of it in fiction is in Roger Martin du Gard's *Jean Barois which has been continu*ously in print since it appeared in 1913. "First-rate as history, third-rate as a novel?" in*quired* a Cambridge Tripos paper, possibly inviting brilliant dissent.

It is certainly superb as a record of the religious crisis of Modernism. And the religious questions raised by Martin du Gard remain alive today. When Barois is half way towards losing the Catholic faith of his *boyhood, he meets the Abbé* Schertz who propounds a symbolic interpretation of Christian doctrine such as one finds in the controversial *Myth of God Incarnate.*

Schertz is struck by the fact that "science", rather loosely defined, has made acceptance of dogmatic statements impossible: yet religious feelings remain and cannot be wished *away.* His solution to this dilemma is to recommend a spiritual interpretation of dogma.

"One should look for truth", he urges, "*not in the facts but* in the moral significance of the facts. One can accept the fundamental meaning contained in the incarnation and the resurrection without *having to admit* that they are historical facts on the same level as the Sedan capitulation."

Jean Barois, a man of some intellectual integrity, cannot accept this all-too-convenient solution. The symbolic interpretation of Christian doctrine seems to him merely a slippery *slope. He proceeds to slip down* the slope, and joins a freethinking movement (today it would be called humanist) which proposes to rid humanity of ignor*ance and superstition. S'Affranchir* was Martin du Gard's original title for the novel.

Science, which for the late nineteenth century meant "evolution", will provide an alternative basis for morality. Martin du Gard is well aware, even if his character Barois is not, that evolution does not necessarily point upwards and onwards. It could equally well be used, and was being used at the time, to justify colonialism and oppression. More advanced races could legitimate their colonial policies by claiming to be superior and fitter. They had, after all, better weapons. Progress meant the maxim gun.

But Barois is an idealist, a lover of truth, justice and humanity. This proves an easier ideal than loving his wife, who retains her nagging traditional faith. He breaks with her. The Dreyfus Affair provides the questing rebel with a *splendid* cause: it dramatizes the clash between truth and obscurantism, between justice and "established disorder". *After much high drama, the* battle is won. But the war is lost, for nothing has been radically changed, and France remains in the grip of the same tedious conservatives who have cynically cashed in on the Affair. The heroes feel betrayed and ousted.

Meanwhile a cab crash has warned Barois that he is not immune to religious feeling. Fear of death brings the old words back to his lips: "Hail Mary, full of grace. . ." He makes an intellectual will, rather as Renan had done, in which in full maturity he declares that should any religious weakness come to afflict him in old age, it will be due to mental debility and so will not count.

The end is ironical and inevitable. Sensing that he has lost touch with the younger generation, who are either sectarian bigots of rationalism or ardent *Maurassian nationalists*, Barois works his way back to faith. He is reconciled to his wife, appalled at the prospect of death, and accepts religion as the only available consolation. His tortured death is contrasted with the serene death of Luce, the real hero of the novel. His wife tosses the embarrassing testament into the fire.

Though Martin du Gard is a non-interventionist novelist who *does not comment* directly on his characters, the patterns set up in the novel suggest that Barois's relapse into childhood faith is a tragic mistake. The old *atavisms*—another name for the determinism in which he believed—have proved too strong in the end. Religion is for childhood, or second child*hood.*

But precisely because of his fair-minded objectivity, other readings are possible. Was Barois's secular faith merely a transposition of his Christian faith, so that all the time he was an "anonymous Christian"? Can one disengage oneself from a tradition by an act of will? Does not the comment of a later French writer, Georges Bernanos, apply here: "One cannot lose the faith as *one loses a bunch of keys: what* happens is that faith ceases to shape our lives—that's all"?

Peter Hebblethwaite

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Bannister and Miss M. Douglas
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. Bannister, of Luton, and Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Douglas, of Little Meadows, Walliswood, Surrey.

Mr R. A. Cobb and Miss S. M. J. Morris
The engagement is announced between Rory, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cobb, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Marinda, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur Morris, of Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Mr J. J. Habershon and Miss G. G. Clark
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs *M. E. Habershon, of Walsall, and* Gillian, daughter of Mrs A. M. Clark, of Hastings.

Mr P. S. Lamb and Miss C. A. Murdoch
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lamb, of Knighton Manor, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs *Andrew Murdoch, of Parsonage* Farm, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr P. Myerscough and Miss J. O'Brien
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Myerscough, of Corrente, Beech Park, Cabinteely, co Dublin, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent *O'Brien, of Ballydoyle House,* Cashel, co Tipperary.

Mr N. M. Brill and Miss M. Rajgrodzka
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Mark, son of Dr and Mrs Leopold Brill, of Eden House, Alwoodley Gates, Leeds, and Maryla, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rajgrodzki, of Herzliya, Israel.

Mr P. H. Foges and Miss A. Wells
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Wolfgang Foges, of Nutley Terrace, London, NW3, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Alfred Wells, of Beekman Place, New York City, and Lady Ayer, of Regent's Park Terrace, London, NW1.

Mr J. A. Hemery and Miss V. R. Oliphant
The engagement is announced between John Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. R. B. Hemery, of Braintree, Massachusetts, United States, and Virginia Rosabel, twin daughter of Captain and Mrs L. H. Oliphant, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr C. Langdon and Srta C. N. Fierro
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mrs Flora Langdon, and Srta Cristina Garcia de la Noceda, youngest daughter of Doña Ines Fierro Viña, Vda de Garcia de la Noceda, of Madrid.

Mr P. F. Singer and Miss H. A. Cutt
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. B. Singer, of Hotham Park House, Bognor Regis, and Heather, daughter of *Mr* and *Mrs J. B. Cutt, of* The Coppice, West Enfield.

Bryanston School

The Spring Term begins today and ends on March 18. Mr R. D. Allan succeeds Mr R. C. J. Hunter as second master. Mr K. T. Ruck takes over as housemaster of Dorset House. E. R. Benedict is head boy.

On Sunday, January 29, a service in memory of R. C. J. Hunter will be held in Blandford Parish Church at 2.30.

The fiftieth jubilee year celebrations begin this term. On January 24 the Outer Hall will be renamed after the founder, the Rev J. G. Jeffreys. Jubilee performances will be: *HMS Pinafore* by the school on January 20 and 21 at 8 pm; Bach's Mass in B Minor by the Bryanston Choral Society on February 25 at 8 pm, and on April 26 *Messiah* in Salisbury Cathedral by the Monteverdi Choir, conducted by Mr John Eliot Gardiner, OB.

Aldenham School

Term begins on Sunday, January 8, *and ends on March 22.* P. S. S. Kerr is captain of school and G. D. P. Scott captain of hockey. The appeal launched in March, 1977, for £185,000 to finance the building of the library extension, a *floodlit all-weather pitch and* improvements to house accommodation has passed £160,000. Much of the work has been completed and further work will be started early this year.

Memorial service

Earl of Rosslyn
A *memorial service for the* Earl of Rosslyn was held yesterday in the Rosslyn Chapel, Midlothian. The Rev Edward M. Downing officiated and the lesson was read *by the Earl of Rosslyn (son).* Among those present were:
Lady Caroline St Clair Erskine (daughter), Mr Charles Jansen and the Countess of Sutherland; the Duchess of Northumberland, the Countess of Haddington, Viscount Camrose, Brigadier Lord and Lady Napier of Magdala, Colonel the Hon John and Mrs Warrender, Sir Charles Johnston, Lady Johnson, Princess Joan Aly Khan, Colonel Michael Lyle, Major and Mrs Michael Weaver, Major Robert Rivers-Bulkeley, Mr Ronald Kershaw, Mr Michael Brand, Mr Francis Ricardo, Mr Alaisdair St Clair-Erskine, Miss Sarah Fentiman and Mr and Mrs David Carswell.

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth Hall: Bach Mass in B Minor, London Orpheus Choir, soloists, London Bach Orchestra, 7.45.

Hidden London guided outing, four interiors, three hours; meet Holborn Underground station, 10.

Natural History Museum, South Kensington: Birds in winter, talk and tour (Green Park and St James's Park), 11.30-3.30; Highland birds, film, 3.

Tomorrow

St Alban's Abbey: Haydn's Nelson Mass in D Minor, organist Peter Hurford, conductor Keith Swanwick, 11.

Lyceum Ballroom, Wellington Street, Strand, Olde Tyme music hall, 7-11.

Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens: Sculptures of De Kooning, related paintings, drawings, lithographs, 10-4; lecture on De Kooning by John Jones, *senior lecturer*, Leeds University, 2.30.

Too few specialize in law for artists, survey shows

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

Painters and other visual artists need legal help, but few lawyers have the necessary understanding of the legal difficulties of professional artists, a research project has found.

The research, financed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the Greater London Council and the Arts Council, was conducted by Mr Henry Lydiate, a barrister who in 1976 started the organiza*tion, Artlaw.*

The report on the research, based on interviews and answers to questionnaires, concludes that there is an urgent need for more information, advice and assistance on legal issues connected with the professional work of artists and art administrators.

The report was the focus of a conference at Chelsea College of Art, London, yesterday. It says that such legal services are required from lawyers with knowledge and experience of the visual arts world, who had specialized in dealing with such issues. Those legal services have to be provided for fees that artists can afford.

There are, however, very few lawyers with such expertise, and most artists cannot afford their services. General legal practitioners are unable to provide such services for economic reasons or *because of lack of interest in* the subject. Law centres and legal advice centres are also unable to provide specialist advice on artists' needs.

No publications are available that adequately deal with the law relating to the visual arts for the use of artists, art administrators or lawyers. No art schools or law schools offer courses on those aspects of the law, the report goes on.

Dealing with specific difficulties faced by visual artists, the report says that tax inspectors are reluctant to recognize artists as pro*fessionals for tax purposes. Many* artists work at a loss, but as their status is seldom accepted for tax purposes they cannot carry losses forward to subsequent profit-making years.

There are also difficulties over value-added tax and national insurance. Most artists do not realize they are obliged to pay national insurance contributions. Artists cannot register themselves as such when unemployed, so most have to register as "labourers".

Latest pamphlets

Grantchester's history and routes in Essex

Discovering Essex. By S. M. Jarvis. The car excursionist will find this book invaluable. It lists seven circular routes and is well documented for points of interest and road numbers. In a book this size, the author is necessarily limited in the amount of information he can provide about a particular place on one of the routes. Nevertheless there are some important gaps. For instance, one would have expected Wethersfield to merit a reference to the curacy there of the Rev Patrick Bronte. Had a romantic attachment there become permanent, Victorian literature might well have suffered.
Shire Publications Ltd, Cromwell House, Church Street, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, 60p (postage 9½p).

Old Grantchester. By E. N. Willmer. Rupert Brooke, lodged in Grantchester, where he always had a boiled egg for his supper. His memories of the village brought such a strong attack of nostalgia on him when he was studying in Berlin in 1912 that he wrote a poem extolling the village and the pre-war period. Merton College has had estates in Grantchester for 700 years, Corpus Christi College for 650 years and King's College for 550 years. Probably because of these close associations with the colleges of Cambridge near by, the village has retained its village character, which is well expressed by Professor Willmer in his written account of the history of the village and through his skilful sketches of its attractive buildings.
Bird's Farm Publications, Bird's Farm, Barton, Cambridgeshire. £2 (postage 15p).

Cyril Bainbridge

Museum attendances up

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

More than fourteen million people visited Britain's national museums and galleries last year, setting records for three of them, the National Gallery, the Science Museum and the British Museum (Natural History).

Extra visitors for the jubilee *undoubtedly had an effect on the* figures for 1977; but at the National Gallery the number of visitors has increased over the past two years by more than 500,000.

The gallery had for the first time more than 2,500,000 visitors in a single year: a total of 2,685,819, compared with 2,354,056 in 1976.

The Science Museum topped three million for the first time with an attendance of 3,360,624, and the Natural History Museum also had its highest recorded total, at 3,075,088. The 1976 figure was 2,594,966.

The Tate Gallery failed to top its 1976 best-ever figure of 1,200,000, dropping 96,000 last year. The National Portrait Gallery attracted 529,209, an appreciable increase on the 1976 total of 323,828, and the British Museum also did well, with 3,786,979, 5 per cent up on 1976.

The Victoria and Albert Museum was well up on 1976 with 1,934,844 visitors (1,247,738).

Science report

Pharmacology: Drugs for schoolchildren

A note of caution is sounded by two American child psychologists investigating the effects of drugs used to control the behaviour of children diagnosed as hyperactive. Hyperactive children are not only fidgety and disruptive in the classroom: they have difficulty in concentrating on school lessons, and without treatment may perform poorly in spite of normal intelligence.

Dr Robert L. Sprague and Dr Esther K. Sleater of Illinois University have tested the effects of the stimulant drugs prescribed for such children and report in a recent issue of *Science* that doses giving the best effect on learning are much lower than the doses that parents and teachers find adequate to control the children's hyperactive behaviour.

The analysis of Dr Sprague and Dr Sleater is particularly interesting in the light of recent allegations that what is really being treated in schoolchildren is not so much a learning difficulty as deviant behaviour. That allegation is more plausible for the United States, where Dr Sprague and Dr Sleater estimate that from 1.7 to 1.8 per cent of children are taking psychotropic drugs, *than for Britain,* where the number of children diagnosed as hyperactive is between 0.5 per cent and one in a thousand.

It is a paradoxical feature of hyperactive children that the drugs that effectively control their behaviour are not tranquillizers but stimulants. Dr Sprague and Dr Sleater maintain that the usual way of judging the effective dose of those drugs is to ask parents and teachers to report on children's behaviour. The recommended dose in a respected pharmacological textbook is about two milligrams a kilogram of a child's weight. Yet Dr Sprague and Dr Sleater found that at those doses children's learning ability was reduced in comparison with their performance at doses only a sixth of the size.

For their trials, they asked 20 hyperactive children to take a test of learning and recognition, at the same time measuring the amount of fidgeting by means of a device known as a stabilimetric cushion, and asking their teachers to assess the children's behaviour on a *standard scale.*

It turned out that, whereas a dose of 0.3 milligram a kilogram of methylphenidate was optimal for improving learning, both the stabilimetric cushion and the teachers indicated that a dose of one milligram a kilogram was most effective for controlling behaviour.

That research may therefore help to distinguish between children who have genuine learning difficulties, probably caused by minor brain damage, and those who are merely a social pest; and to ensure that in either case the child receives only as much of the drug as he or she needs.

By Nature-Times News Service.

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£5,000 Premium Bond prizewinners

The £5,000 winners in the January premium bonds draw are:

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The £1,000 winners are:

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Black churches 'setting a good example'

The example set by black-led churches should be followed by white Christians, the Rev George Sails, secretary of the Methodist Church's home division, said yesterday.

As hundreds of church buildings become obsolete each year, new churches should be based on people rather than buildings, he said in the division's annual report.

He compared the decline in church membership in Britain with Ghana where last year the Methodist Church gained 3.66 members and established 39 new churches. White Christians should learn from the experience of black-led churches, which have discovered that people identify more easily with small groups.

Mr Sails said new churches did not necesarily mean new buildings, but groups of people sharing worship and caring for one another and their neighbours. He asked whether the time had come to consider the planting of churches in those parts of the country where there was none. He said it was wrong not to provide the forms of worship that were appropriate to particular parts of the country and to different social and cultural settings.

"We cannot afford either the luxury or the shame of cut-throat competition with our fellow Christians of other denominations", he said.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Professor J. P. M. Brenan, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew since 1976, has been appointed honorary botanical adviser to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in succession *to Sir George Taylor, FRS.*

Services tomorrow: First Sunday after the Epiphany

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon Douglas Webster, TD (Macpherson in E); HC, 11.30, Mass for 3 voices (Byrd), Int, Gloria tibi, Domine (Byrd); E, 3.15, Rev P. J. L. Lillingston, Mag and ND, The First Service (Shepherd), A, Seek him that maketh the seven stars (Elgar).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Harris in A flat), When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev C. Hickman; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, O mysterium ineffabile (Lalouette), Missa Cum jubilo (Duruflé), 3-part Mass (Byrd); Evensong, 3 (Bennett in D minor), Behold I bring you glad tidings (Purcell), Canon Trevor Beeson; Organ Recital, 6; E, 6.30, Rev H. C. Snape.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Eucharist, 11 (Stanford in B flat), A, Ave verum (Elgar), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Rev P. Oestreicher; E, 3.30 (Noble in B minor), A, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), Canon Gerald Parrott.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, The Three Kings (Cornelius), Canon P. T. Ashton.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Ireland in C), Canon Edwyn Young, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8; Parish Communion, 11, Rev J. Oliver.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Epiphany Carol Service.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Ilicomb in E flat) Jub (Temple Psalter), A, When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem (Mendelssohn), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church), public welcomed: HC, 8.30 and 12.15; M, 11, Resident Chaplain, TD (Weelkes, short), A, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch); E, 3.30, Rev M. R. Hawes, Mag and ND (Stanford in B flat), A, All they from Saba (Handl).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court *Palace* (public welcomed): M, 11 (Harris), A (Royce); E, 3.30 (Sumsion), A (Mundy).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Ven G. Timms.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30; HM, 11, Rev M. Shaw, The Prince of Peace (Lloyd Webber); E and B, 6, Rev K. Last (Walmisley in D minor).

CHRIST CHURCH, Chelsea: HC, 8; M and HC, 11, E, 6, Prebendary F. A. Pughand.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. R. Gaskell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8; HC (sung), 11, Archbishop of Melbourne; E, 6.30, the Vicar.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11 (Stanford in B flat), Shepherds' Farewell (Berlioz).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M and HC, 11, Rev W. Boulton, Jub (Noble in B); E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Wood in E flat).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev W. M. Atkins (Batten, short), Mot, Omnes de Saba venient (Handl).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street (near Centre Point): HC, 8 and 12; MP, 11, Rev G. C. Taylor; E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Garlick Hill (City): HC, 10.30, Prebendary H. Edwards.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev W. P. Baddeley; Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Brother Bruce; E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: M, 11, TD (Sumsion in G), A, The Three Kings (Cornelius), Dean Robin Price, HC, 12.15.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, the Vicar; M, 11.15, Mr N. Ingram-Smith; E, 6.30, Rev A. Couch.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev A. L. Davis; M, 11.15, Then shall a star (Mendelssohn), Rev J. L. Robson; E, 6.30, All they from Saba (Handl), Rev D. M. George.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM, 8, 9.45 and 7 pm; HM, 11, Canon E. L. Mascall, Missa octavi toni (Lassus), In us is born, Carol; 6 pm, Epiphany Pageant and Solemn Benediction.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Rev P. Harding, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Jubilate Deo omnis terra (Lassus); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15 and 12.15; M, 11, Rev A. C. C. Pearson; 6, Mr R. W. M. Aikin.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11 (Darke in A minor), Rev R. C. Russell.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: HC, 10.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street, 11, Rev R. K. Townley; 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP, 11, Canon Keith De Berry; E, 6.30.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8 and 9; HM, 11, Missa a tre (Rubbra), Rev K. Hobbs; E and B, 6, Rev D. Priest.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon Rhenh-Boylaugh, Petite messe pastorale (Sauguet), Mot, Lord, what love have I (Croft).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, Rev W. A. Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott.

THE ORATORY, SW7: SM, 11, in G (Schubert); V and B, 3.30, Mot, Puer natus est nobis (Morales).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa "O Sacrum" (Anerio), Tribus miraculis (Marenzio).

ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH, 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 11, Father Kevin Donovan, Boston College Choir "Irish Liturgy"; Mass, 12.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

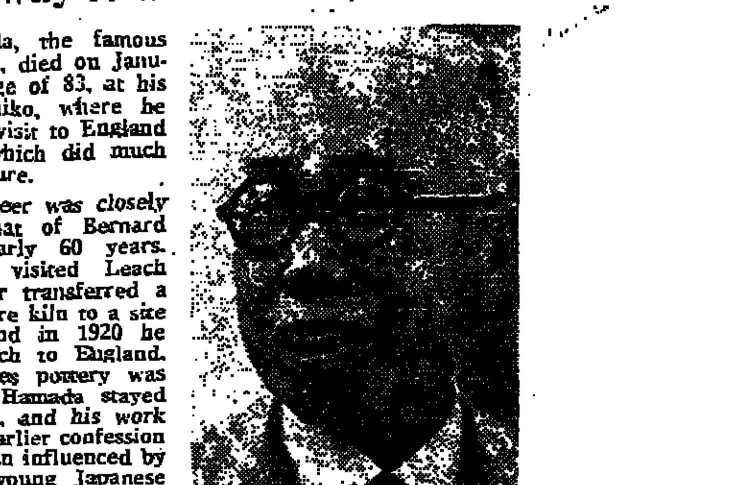
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr Brian Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R. T. *Kendall.*

OBITUARY

MR SHOJI HAMADA

Potter whose work showed a way to world culture



Shoji Hamada, the famous Japanese potter, died on January 5 at the age of 83, at his home in Mashiko, where he settled after a visit to England from 1920-24 which did much to shape his future.

Hamada's career was closely bound with that of Bernard Leach for nearly 60 years. Hamada first visited Leach when the latter transferred a famous stoneware kiln to a site near Tokyo, and in 1920 he went with Leach to England, and the St Ives pottery was then founded. Hamada stayed for three years, and *his work* confirmed his earlier confession that he had been influenced by Leach and a young Japanese architect, Tomimoto, in decid*ing to take up potting* as a career.

It is ironic that news of the death of Shoji Hamada came on Leach's 91st birthday.

Under the title *Shoji Hamada, Potter*, Leach was the author of a book of reminiscences by both men which was published just over a year ago; it included contributions by some of their friends. The text and pictures emphasized Hamada's vigour and his concentration on the use of natural materials.

In Dublin seven years ago both Leach and Hamada received the World Crafts Council's award in grateful recognition of their inspiration to craftsmen throughout the world.

Bernard Leach writes:

To the world of art, here and elsewhere, if not the general *public, news of the death of* Shoji Hamada will bring sadness and a sense of loss, as it has to me. He was a uniquely fine potter and man whose life *and work* has influenced the development of contemporary potting for over half a century. During this period something historically unprecedented has been taking place: the exchange of cultural values between east and west has ceased to be superficial. The signs of a world culture have begun to emerge.

Hamada's pots spring not only from his born character but also from his selection of influences from the cultures of *both east and west.* The many sources of our modern pots is less important than the degree in which he was able to unite them into a new and living Japanese statement of universal significance and beauty. Today, if a pot has life, it is from the life of the man who made it. I have never come across any other potter who had such a balance between head, heart and hand—his pots actually resembled him.

Like him, they stand four-square upon the ground. Their movements between foot and lip remind one of an oak tree roots, trunk, branches and twigs all well knit together. The crisp, decisive actions of his hands with clay are *like* a *strong* dance upon a potter's wheel. Both his way of life, and his pots were infused with intuitive immediacies of thought and action.

For nearly 60 years Hamada was my perfect friend and companion, both here, and in his own country. The individual potter—whose work, usually in stoneware and made by hand, he in the east and I in the west, helped to start—owes him a debt of love and gratitude.

COUNTESS RUSSELL

Michael Burn writes:

Edith Russell, Bertrand Russell's widow, was the only woman with whom he never stopped being happy, and he expressed all that she had meant to him in the lyric with which he prefaced his autobiography.

Born Edith Finch in New York in 1900 of an old American family, she studied English Literature at Bryn Mawr and then went to St Hilda's College, Oxford. She was extremely attractive and strong-willed. England was always her love, though she knew many countries and once became a member of a famous Parisian circus, in which she thought she might have stayed had she been able to do somersaults.

For many years she shared a house she built at Bryn Mawr with Miss Lucy Donnelly, Head of the Department of English Literature, and a close friend and correspondent of Russell's from 1896 till death in 1948. There Edith wrote her biography of Wilfrid Scawen Blunt, and there Russell found refuge from the New York witch-hunt in 1940 and began his *History of Western Philosophy.* They fell in love on his triumphant return to America 10 years later. Edith immediately sold all she possessed and left for London, ready for anything, and never to return. So that she might have no illusions about him, he made her read his correspondence with previous loves. Disconcerted only slightly by the appearance there of endearments she had just heard verbally to herself, she marriec *him in 1952, and from then til* his death in 1970 they were never apart. She shared hi: work, passions, prejudices gaiety, and delights. She hac *the same regard* for good man ners and the same courage, anc in 1961, a climax to his protest: against the bomb, she went tu prison with him.

Like him an agnostic with : religious temperament, she be lieved as ardently as he did ii mankind's need for a *spiritua* life. He was faultless in he. eyes, and she made no apolog for thinking so. She was wel aware of the gossip that he hac married her when "past it". Past it, indeed: He remainec her lover until almost at the gates of death.

Implacable in private agains his detractors, she refused pub lic controversy about him, con centrating instead on the work *of his Foundations.* Dispute: about his will left her in con stant anxiety about money, anc during her last years she main tained the large house in spot *less order entirely on her own* seldom went out, and receivec as few visitors as possible.

My final memory of her i of a most enchanting woman *from whose features all lines o* age had been erased, waving : kiss from her bed in a publi ward, on which she managed t confer the elegance of an 18tl century salon. She had done al she could for Bertie's memory to live on would lack dignity and she seemed to have decide for herself that the hour ha come to follow him into the unknown.

COL JAMES LILLIE-COSTELLO

Colonel James Lillie-Costello, MC, OBE, who died on New Year's Day at the age of 70, showed himself a man of great courage in war and one of unusual political skill and insight in his work in the Gold Coast in the years leading up to its independence as the new African State of Ghana.

Born in India in 1907 and educated at Malvern College, he served first in the Royal Ulster Rifles and was then posted in December 1939 to the 2nd Battalion, *London Irish Rifles* which, following the landing in Algiers in November 1942, was given the task of capturing a vital hill north of Bou Arada. He commanded the company which eventually captured the hill after three companies in turn had been mown down before they could reach the summit. Although only twenty of his company's 130 men reached the summit, he led this small handful in the bayonet charge which finally drove the Germans off the hill. For this action he was *awarded the* Military Cross. In the bitter defensive action which followed over the next two months he was blown up five times, and on the last occasion was so severely concussed that he lost his power of speech and had to be invalided home in June 1943.

For a short time after the war he served *in Conservative* *Central Office as the nationa* organising officer of the party' youth movement which becam known as the Young Conserva tives. Then in 1946 he joine *the Colonial Service and for tw* years was the Regional Informa tion Officer for the four terr tories in British West Africa. I 1948 he was appointed Directo of Information Services an Broadcasting in the Gold Coas Government, a post which h held until independence, an in which he showed great skil and political understanding i a highly sensitive and ofte potentially explosive situatior For this work he was awarde the OBE in 1952. It is said tha for some years after indepenc *ence the Ghana Government i* his honour kept his portrai hanging on his old office wal with his chair, roped off, stanc ing empty beneath it.

On returning to Britain an until his retirement in 1967, h served as head of the Publi Relations Department of Shell Mex & BP which, under hi direction, was responsible fo much creative work such as prize-winning film on the build ing of the Forth Bridge an another notably original film with script by Christopher Fry on the work of the re cathedral in the life of the Cit of Coventry.

He married in 1939 Francette Villeneuve. They had no *children.*

Vivienne Lady Cawley, widow of the second Baron Cawley, died on January 4 at the age of 100. She was the daughter of Harold Lee and she was married in 1912. Her husband died in 1954.

Mr Frederick Leslie Chaplin, who died on Christmas Day at the age of 72, was chairman of F. W. Woolworth & Co Ltd 1951-69 and a director of F. W. Woolworth, USA, for the same period.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Chalmers, Mr John William *Pender, of Chelsea* .. £114,290
Duff, Mr William, of Basingstoke £172,988
Fish, Grace Elsie, of Worthing £129,146
Fowler, Mrs Ann, of Devizes £110,700
Hibbert, Mr Thomas Smith, of Westhoughton, Greater Manchester £114,840
Martin, Mrs Gladys May, of Lincoln £104,592
Sadler, Eileen Marjorie, of Earlington .. .. .. £1[illegible]
Sikurski, Jan Ludwik, of K[illegible]ton .. .. .. [illegible]103,28[illegible]
Stapleton, Sir Miles [illegible] of Newbury .. .. £276,6[illegible]

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SPORT

Football

Difficult cup season lies ahead for giants and minnows

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

The high point in the guided tour of that now officially designated historic monument, Wembley Stadium, is the climbing of the 39 steps to a spot beneath the Royal Box where the trophies are presented. Visitors say that when they stand there and dreamily turn towards the empty terraces they think only of the FA Cup final. The World Cup, European Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup have all been presented there but only the FA Cup is instantly brought to mind.

Similarly, the round that in many ways has the widest appeal, apart from the final itself, is probably the third, which is also the stuff of daydreams. Often it is at once the beginning and the end. The first and second division clubs arrive to risk their reputations while the survivors from outside the Football League—six in all this season—stand ready to join the roll-call of those who felled giants in the past. Few sports offer such a day as this.

Yet while the cup is always an attainable prize for all, occasionally the first division clubs like to pull rank, which was the case last season when Manchester United unexpectedly beat Liverpool in the final and seven of the eight sixth round teams came from the first division. The eighth were Wolverhampton Wanderers, the second division champions.

Liverpool's defeat last May was compensated by their winning the European Cup but as this is the day for risking reputations I plump for a Merseyside victory this season. Whether it will be the Reds or Blues, is another question. For the moment both Everton and Liverpool have first division opponents and the holders, United, go to Carlisle United with confidence shaken.

The two other all first division ties are Leeds United v Manchester City at Elland Road and Middlesbrough v Coventry City, and there is one entirely non-league match between Blyth Spartans and Enfield. They have played 21 and 25 unbeaten matches respectively and though one must go forward the other four teams from beyond the league play away.

If there is a hint in the pattern of these early fixtures it could be that this is to be a difficult cup season for the very small and very big competitors. And there will be support for the theory that the winners of the interesting tie between Tottenham Hotspur and Bolton Wanderers, first and second in the second division, will go far.

Liverpool, now in more reliable form, should overcome Chelsea at Stamford Bridge even though McDermott and Case are injured. Chelsea's defence relies on the towering Droy and he misses the tie with tendon trouble. Harris replaces him but Liverpool will expect to win command in midfield where Chelsea may lack ideas as Ray Wilkins is again absent.

After promising so much last season, Aston Villa have slipped into an anonymous vein in the league and are unfortunate to meet Everton at Goodison Park in the Cup. Some errors over Christmas cost Everton a remarkable record of successful matches but at Nottingham on Monday they looked powerful if not quite sharp enough in attack. Higgins replaces Kenyon in their defence and they should win, as should Forest who warm up for a tilt at the "double" by playing Swindon Town.

Changes can be expected soon at Manchester United where Jordan, bought from Leeds yesterday, will eventually give their attack more bite. In the meantime, they drop their winger, Hill, at Carlisle where he made his first appearance for Millwall in 1973. Grimes takes over and Pearson is fit to resume at centre forward.

Manchester City's task is more daunting than United's. They go to Leeds with a team strengthened by the return of Tueart and with Channon as substitute. Leeds have beaten City on the last three occasions and provided Madeley, McQueen and Harris pass fitness tests, they can continue the run.

Two non-league clubs likely to cause passing problems to first division opponents are Wigan, who take 10,000 supporters and an unbeaten sequence of 19 matches to Birmingham City, and Wealdstone, of the Southern League, who play at Queen's Park Rangers where the atmosphere is already gloomy. Perhaps, though, the surprise of the day will be enjoyed by Watford, leaders of the fourth division by seven points, who play at West Ham.



Gibbins (No 9) creating problems before his equalizer.

Norwich fortunate to get a second chance

By Michael Archer

Orient 1 Norwich City 1

Orient, looking for their moment of FA Cup glory to brighten a modest second division season, came within seconds of silencing the first division Canaries of Norwich City at Brisbane Road. In fact the win they worked so hard and skilfully for was snatched from them only in injury time. And Norwich, who never established a midfield grip and never overawed Orient's resolute backline superbly marshalled by Hoadley and Roeder, were lucky to get their second chance at Carrow Road next Wednesday.

Orient so nearly created the early goal they desperately wanted with the calm assurance and commendable skills of their opening flourish. The stylish Roeder hammered a superb 30-yard shot just inches outside a Norwich post with Keelan beaten and then Kitchen whose bustle and thrust gave Jones and Powell plenty of anxious moments, turned brilliantly to put himself clear but Jones recovered just in time to rob him of a certain goal.

Suggett, who played up front early on had two half chances for Norwich that could well have swung the game their way—first from a beautifully measured pass by Peters and the second more blatantly when the overlapping Sullivan's cross broke to him 12 yards out.

After 26 minutes, Orient nearly succumbed to a free kick by Bond which Reeves nodded back and first Gray's face and then Jackson's body denied Gibbins a goal.

Yet as Orient breathed their sighs of relief, Bennett put Mayo through at the other end. He hit a shot superbly, Keelan matched it with a brilliant save but was powerless to stop Kitchen lashing in the rebound past the stricken defenders.

Only another brilliant Keelan save denied Roffey a second Orient goal from a short free kick. Norwich could make little more impression after half time and Grealish leapt in despair as a shot which would surely have settled it beat Keelan—and the far post by inches. The Norwich goalkeeper also had to grab a header from Chiedozie just under the bar and the fast little Orient winger had the goal at his mercy in the 77th minute only to head agonizingly across the face of it.

By now Norwich had pushed their captain, Peters, into the front line and were desperately throwing everything forward. But Jackson in the home goal held out bravely and Norwich's serious efforts were restricted to headers by Gibbins and Peters which were just too high—that is until the first minute of injury time when their salvation finally came. Suggett's corner eluded everybody except Gibbins, whose far post header spared Norwich's blushes with the equalizer they scarcely deserved.

ORIENT: J. Jackson; R. Fisher, W. Roffey, A. Grealish, P. Hoadley, G. Roeder, J. Chiedozie, N. Gray, J. Mayo, P. Kitchen, P. Bennett.

NORWICH: K. Keelan; K. Bond, C. Sullivan, J. Ryan, D. Jones, T. Powell, J. Neighbour, C. Suggett, R. Gibbins, K. Reeves, M. Peters.

Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge).

Jordan joins United for club record fee

Manchester United yesterday paid a club record fee of £350,000 for Joe Jordan, Leeds United's Scottish international centre forward, who is unlikely to make his first appearance for the club until next month.

Jordan, ineligible for the FA Cup match at Carlisle today, starts a three-match suspension on Monday. He has been cautioned seven times this season. Therefore, unless United have to replay against Carlisle Jordan will also miss the fourth round of the Cup on January 28. His first match could be delayed until the game against Manchester City at Old Trafford on February 4.

United were represented by their chairman, Louis Edwards, director, Sir Matt Busby, and manager, David Sexton, in talks at Jordan's home.

Jordan, put on the transfer list by Leeds earlier in the week, had earlier held out for a move to a European club. He rejected Ajax because their terms were not good enough. After signing the transfer forms at Old Trafford Jordan said: "When Manchester United came in I was easily swayed. They are the best in the country for support and tradition and having signed a four-year contract I hope this is my last move."

Because he asked for a move Jordan is not entitled to 5 per cent of the transfer fee, but he is now probably one of the three top paid players in the Football League. Liverpool were the only other club in a position to be able to meet his demands.

It now seems certain that United will release their England centre forward, Stuart Pearson, and will expect at least the £200,000 they paid Hull City for him in 1974. Pearson's eventual destination could well be the Baseball Ground to link up again with the former Manchester United manager, Tommy Docherty.

Derby sign Buckley

Derby County last night paid £166,000 for Luton Town's full back Steve Buckley. Aston Villa and Coventry City had pursued the 24-year-old defender all week, but Derby's manager, Tommy Docherty agreed on a fee yesterday afternoon and completed discussions with the player last night. Luton paid £2,000 for Buckley when they signed him from Burton Albion three years ago. Buckley's transfer means that Luton can now hold on to their most prized asset—the England Under-21 defender Paul Futcher.

Football results

FA Cup, third round

Orient (1) 1 Norwich (1) 1
Kitchen 10,000 Gibbins

Third division

Tranmere (1) 1 Preston (0) 0
Moore 7,250

Fourth division

Stockport (1) 2 Aldershot (0) 1
Smith, Park Crosby 6,121

Campbell steps up at Rovers

Bristol Rovers have appointed their former coach, Bobby Campbell, as manager. Mr Campbell, who won five Scottish caps with Chelsea has been with Rovers since 1962. He took over as caretaker manager when Don Megson took an appointment with an American club, Portland Timbers.

Gradi is given buying power

Dario Gradi is being given the chance to clinch the Wimbledon manager's job vacated by Allen Batsford on Thursday and will be allowed to spend money on new players. Gradi stepped into the caretaker-manager's role after Batsford quit following a row with Ron Noades, the chairman.

Tennis

Crowd, Vilas and Connors dispute three-way fight at the Garden

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

New York, Jan 6

At one o'clock this morning Jimmy Connors and Guillermo Vilas were sitting in one of the subsidiary caverns of Madison Square Garden explaining that, when they played tennis together, larger premises were desirable. They had just completed a marvellous match that lasted two hours and 58 minutes and had no trouble at all in holding the attention of the 18,000 crowd, the largest to watch any indoor match except for Houston's bizarre contest between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs, which was more of a women's liberation rally than a tennis match.

Vilas won 6—4, 3—6, 7—5, thus confirming that he could beat Connors on the quicker, carpeted surfaces, as well as the slow clay on which he had frustrated Connors in the final of the United States championship at Forest Hills last September. The match lasted so long partly because it was close and dominated by ground strokes, and partly because the bludgeoning fury of the rallies was punctuated by heavily significant pauses between points; the players were letting the shock waves subside and the umpire, as pleasantly as he could, was asking the crowd to shut up.

But this was just another big fight at Madison Square Garden: and there was no way the citizens of New York were going to be left out of it. They were not playing, but they were certainly participating. In the third set they even had a fight of their own, way up on the terracing, and a screaming woman had to be pacified. "That was very interesting", observed Vilas later, adding that for the crowd the whole match had been a highly emotional experience. "For the public it was great. For the players it was difficult. But we have to be professionals. We have to adjust to anything."

No spectator was more closely involved than Vilas's manager and Svengali, Ion Tiriac, who has done a great deal for the Argentine's self-confidence in the past year. Tiriac is large and hairy and exudes a kind of brooding menace. He tends to be inscrutably formidable. But on this occasion, in addition to his glaring attempts to transfer his will-power to Vilas, he was continually talking and gesturing, puffing out anxious clouds of cigarette smoke while demanding that Vilas should remain calm. Twice, too, Tiriac changed the grip on his charge's racket: a task carried out with a speed and sureness of touch that, like the crowd, must have been some kind of record.

So there was this huge, noisily partisan crowd ("they all picked their partner", as Connors put it later) and there were hundreds more stuck outside in the cold having failed in the quest for tickets. There was Tiriac. Most of all, there was a tennis match that fell short of genuine greatness only because it needed more variety of pace and method—and higher stakes. This, after all, was only the second day of a three-day series of league matches from which the most successful players will qualify for the semi-final round of the Grand Prix Masters tournament. "Don't count me out", Connors said when the battle was over. "I'm still in there. That's the beauty of this kind of format."

Connors did not strike form until the last few games of the first set, in which Vilas had three points for a 5—1 lead For much of the second set Vilas was clearly a briefly spent force, playing in a slightly lower gear while keeping a foot poised over the accelerator. Then he slipped into top again in readiness for a third set that could not have been more thrilling had it been scripted.

Vilas broke through and was serving at 5—3 and 30—love. At 40—30 (and 12.15 on the clock) he had a match point which Connors saved with a volley off the net cord. "I could predict any kind of shot, but not that" Vilas said. During the ensuing 26 minutes Connors fought back to 5—all before losing the match—as he had lost the first set and a lot of intervening points—with a wayward forehand.

His forehand approach shot taken on the run as he advanced to the net, was one of the most influential factors in the match. Too often, it strayed off target. Another influential factor was Vilas's backhand. Towards the end of the match it was reminiscent of Rod Laver in his prime. In each of the last two games Vilas produced two backhand winners of a splendour that challenged belief.

"I was lucky", he said. "Playing winners when running outside the court is difficult to do. And I had a lot of problems. I didn't feel I could run. I think I have a bad ankle. I have to see the doctor. So I was lucky to play winners." But as Connors put it: "This guy is as strong as a bull."

A doctor later said that Vilas had strained a tendon in his left ankle. To avoid aggravating the damage, Vilas withdrew from his match with Eddie Dibbs scheduled for this afternoon. The day's rest must have been welcome. Like Brian Gottfried and Bjorn Borg (who has a minor inflammation of the throat) Vilas was already assured of a place in the semi-final round. Connors qualified for the fourth place by beating Manuel Orantes 6—2, 6—3 this afternoon. But the pairings were still uncertain.

Miss Brasher's chance to break sequence

Kate Glancy, from Buckinghamshire, and Kate Brasher, from Surrey, meet in their third tournament final in four weeks in the British junior covered court championship, sponsored by Prudential, at Queen's Club, London, today. Their domination of the junior scene was underlined again yesterday when each won her semi-final match in straight sets.

Miss Glancy beat Fiona Moffitt, of Devon, 7—5, 6—3 and Miss Brasher's 6—3, 6—3 victory over Deborah Stewart, of Sussex, gives her another chance to break Miss Glancy's sequence of wins over her.

In their finals at Torquay over Christmas and in London last week Miss Glancy won in straight sets and, with two years and a half advantage, and her strength and aggressive outlook, she could repeat these performances.

There were times yesterday, however, when she was a long way from being in complete charge against Miss Moffitt. There was every chance that she would lose her first set of the week when her opponent led her 5—4 and 3—0. But she won the set without further setbacks and dominated the second.

Miss Brasher's win over Miss Stewart owed most to a run of six successive games which took her from 3—3 in the first set to 3—0 in the second and put her opponent in an impossible situation.

In the boys' single final the favourite, David Atkinson, of Somerset, meets Kevin Harris, of Essex, who beat the second-seeded Harvey Becker surprisingly quickly, by 6—4, 6—2.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Semi-final round: K. Glancy beat F. Moffitt 7—5, 6—3; K. Brasher beat D. Stewart 6—3, 6—3.

BOYS' SINGLES: Semi final round: D. Atkinson beat S. King 6—1, 7—6; K. Harris beat H. Becker 6—4, 6—2.

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Final round: K. Glancy and D. Morgan beat D. Parker and D. Stewart 6—4, 6—3.

New York.—Christine Evert earned a record $503,134 for the 1977 tennis season, according to figures released by the United States Tennis Association. Miss Evert earned $343,368 of her total in tournaments.—AP.

Miss Newberry beaten in only 56 minutes

Washington, Jan 5.—Martina Navratilova, the top seed, beat Janet Newberry of the United States, 6—3, 6—2, tonight to lead a parade of seeded players into the quarter-final round of an 100,000 dollar women's tennis tournament. Miss Navratilova, who defected from her native Czechoslovakia and now lives in the United States, needed only 56 minutes to beat Miss Newberry.

In the quarter-final round Miss Navratilova will face the seventh-seeded Greer Stevens of South Africa. Also in the quarter-final round is Betty Stove of the Netherlands, seeded four. Miss Stove, runner-up at Wimbledon last year, ousted the unseeded Julie Anthony of the United States, 6—1, 6—4.

Other players advancing to the quarter-final round included the fifth seed Dianne Fromholtz of Australia, who beat Laura Duponi of the United States, 6—2, 3—6, 6—4, and the unseeded American Joanne Russell.

AUCKLAND: O. Parun beat C. Lewis 5—7, 6—0, 10—8; R. Drysdale (GB) beat E. Fromm, 6—1, 6—4; M. Tesch beat M. Christenson, 6—4, 6—5.

Rugby Union

Cotton misses trial through calf injury

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Fran Cotton, that formidable British Lions prop, has joined the full-back, Alastair Hignell, as an absentee from the senior side when they play the Rest in the England trial at Twickenham this afternoon (2.15). He has aggravated a calf muscle injury first sustained on the Lions tour in New Zealand but expects to be fit for England's training weekend beginning at Bisham Abbey next Friday. "I can't run on it at the moment," he said. "If I played on it now, I would be out for two or three weeks."

Bert Greaves, of Moseley, has been promoted from the Rest XV, his place at tight head in the junior side being given to the Cornwall captain, Terry Pryor, who played for the South West and South in the inter-regional game at Exeter in early December. Michael Burton was on the other side in that contest and then was picked for the two inter-divisional matches. Omission of him now suggests that in national terms curfew may have tolled the knell of parting day.

Pryor, who is 27, is a former England 19 group international who has played for London University and Loughborough Colleges. His present club is Redruth, and next week he is due to make his 49th appearance for Cornwall, against the Royal Navy.

The absence of Cotton must weaken the England XV at close quarters and encourage the Rest forwards to believe themselves capable of winning rather more possession than had seemed likely. It should be a particular spur for their loose trio and the backs as a whole. However, if the dress rehearsal works out as the selectors hope (and that is something not to be guaranteed in trials), it is clear that the senior side—with the addition of Cotton—must stand a good chance of being chosen en bloc to meet France in Paris in a fortnight.

Hignell has had precious little rugby this season and, even assuming a quick recovery from his latest injury, a grumbling hamstring, it is difficult to see how he can get in enough match practice to persuade the selectors to pick him for the first international. It is almost certainly in his best, long-term interest to leave him out of the present reckoning, and to have him fully honed and available for the remainder of the international series.

In that case, today's duel between Caplan and Hare is given extra spice. Hare won his only England cap, against Wales, in 1974. Caplan had two dashing trials last season but has yet to play for his country.

Another sound performance by Caplan this afternoon should see him reach his goal. But the area most exercising the selectors may be at loose forward, with special interest focused on the confrontation between Rafter and Neary on a flank and that between Bignell and Scott at No 8. If Neary, who is captaining the Rest side, reproduces his late form for the Lions in New Zealand, Rafter will be hard pressed to retain his place.

The England coach, Peter Colston, will conduct training for the teams and reserves on the Bank of England ground at Roehampton tomorrow morning. Wasps are hoping that French will be free of that commitment in good time for him to play for them in their John Player Cup first round match against Richmond at the Athletic ground. Their full-back will be Geoffrey Richards, who has flown back from Australia for his wedding next weekend.

The first round has been a hurdle that Wasps so far have found impossible to surmount. On two previous appearances at that stage they fell to Blackheath and Richmond.

ENGLAND: D. W. N. Caplan (Headingley); P. J. Squires (Harrogate), B. J. Corless (Moseley), C. P. Kent (Rosslyn Park), J. Carleton (Orrell); A. G. B. Old (Sheffield), M. Young (Gosforth); R. Cowling (Leicester), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), W. Greaves (Moseley), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde, captain), N. E. Horton (Toulouse), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth), E. Bignell (Blackheath), M. J. Rafter (Bristol).

THE REST: W. H. Hare (Leicester); R. Demming (Bedford), P. Dodge (Leicester), A. W. Maxwell (Headingley), M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool); J. P. Horton (Bath), C. Gifford (Moseley); B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), J. P. A. G. Raphael (Rectiye Rangers), T. Pryor (Redruth), R. Field (Moseley), M. Colclough (Angoulême), R. Mordell (Rosslyn Park), J. Scott (Rosslyn Park), A. Neary (Broughton Park, captain).

Referee: R. C. Quittenton (Sussex).

Glen Ella and magic circle make boredom disappear

By Richard Streeton

Midlands Sch 12 Australians 63

Entertainment by rugby standards almost magical in its quality was provided by the Australian 19-group touring team last night as they utterly crushed a Midlands Schools XV. The discomforts of a cold, crisp night were forgotten under the Welford Road floodlights as the Australians surpassed themselves even by the standards they have already shown on their British tour.

The Australians won by eight goals, a penalty goal and three tries against four penalties and their 11 consecutive wins have now brought them 401 points with 69 against. Their closing fixture against England Schoolboys at Twickenham on January 18 promises to be one of the finest spectacles of the season.

Normally when one team is clearly so superior, the match as a spectacle becomes almost tedious. Such were the handling and running skills however shown by the Australians that boredom was held at bay.

A ceaseless succession of short rapid-fire passes from side to side of the field, usually involving eight or nine players, was sheer poetry.

The Midlands won their share of ball at lineouts and set pieces but the Australians rucked splendidly and brilliant anticipation enabled them to bring off some superb interceptions. It hardly seems right to single out any one of the touring side but Glen Ella, the fullback, with elusive runs on the burst seemed to be everywhere.

For the Midlands it was obviously a harrowing experience though they never became demoralized. Drane, the fullback, Perry and Morgan, the halves, and Briggs, a flanker, did numerous good things amid the wreckage; Johnson kicked four of his five penalty chances.

The Australians, who led 20—6 at halftime, scored six tries in 15 minutes in the second half. Their scorers were: tries: Williams (3), McPherson (2), Glen Ella (2), Lewis, Miller, McLean and Hawker; penalty: Nightingale; conversions: Melrose and Nightingale (7).

MIDLANDS SCHOOLS: M. Drane (Loughborough GS); I. Smith (King's School, Worcester), S. Morgan (Bournville School, Birmingham), A. Johnson (Dunsmore School), C. Pitts (King Edward VI School, Retford); M. Perry (Wrekin College), T. Morgan (Millfield); N. Elkington (Denstone College), C. Williams (Queen Mary's GS, Walsall), P. Wallace (Hartland School), M. Littlewood (Belmont Abbey), G. Herrington (Dunsmore School), P. Cobb (Hereford Cathedral School), G. Briggs (Thomas Magnus School), S. Adkins (Bablake School).

AUSTRALIANS: Glen Ella (sub M. Hawker); M. Williams, Gary Ella, W. Lewis, P. McPherson; T. Melrose, D. Lester; J. Mathieson, A. Ryan, B. Allen, M. Maxwell, S. Nightingale, I. Miller, A. McLean, G. Bailey.

Referee: L. Pilling (Hampshire).

Golf

Glorious hitting takes Dexter into last 16

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The President's Putter is back to normal proportions again with the customary last 16 left to play this morning. Only one of the 10 past winners taking part remains, Michael Reece (1976) winning well and unobtrusively at the bottom of the draw. Dexter, reinforced by the doyen of Sunningdale caddies, Mullins, has come into the picture once again with a victory which left A. D. Swanston free to play hockey today against Blackheath.

In some ways there was much of the typical Dexter in this match—a wonderful start with some glorious hitting. He was on his third and sixth greens with a seven and five iron second respectively, holing both putts, and had a chance to become four up at the seventh but took three putts. Swanston had him back to one up but missed a chance to square at the 13th and then went to and fro across the 14th green. Dexter's driving at this stage did not look happy but he played a little pitch to save the 15th which would have caused any opponent to despair.

Holmes's adventurous career this week came to an end in the murk at the hands of Stracey, one of the strong Cambridge team of two and three years ago. The battle against darkness went on unabated yesterday. Holmes's morning match had gone to the 20th against the Cambridge captain, Warman, where the winner hit much the better tee shot to the middle of the green after Warman had come back from three down. Holmes was whisked back to the clubhouse by car, grabbed a sandwich, and was off again against Stracey, reaching the turn all square 75 minutes later. Stracey became two up after 12 and four up on the 15th tee. Holmes, never afraid of a battle, took advantage of his opponent's mistakes at the next two holes but groped in vain for the 17th green in semi-darkness.

The sky had remained overcast all day except for a ribbon of blue along the horizon which burst into a flaming sunset. This just enabled the last match of the day to finish on the 18th green in its afterglow. In this, Morrison, from Scotland, saw his way slightly better than Hedley-Miller, winning the last two holes and getting down in two from off the green at the 18th when the biggest problem was to see the hole.

First round

A. Disley beat P. J. R. Souster, at 23rd.

Second round

R. G. Ames beat M. G. L. Jerrom, at 19th; M. A. Coleridge beat R. D. Forbes-Watson, 1 hole; C. G. Neville beat D. C. Taylor, 7 and 5; W. J. Uzielli beat C. P. Harrison, 1 hole; A. D. Swanston beat D. T. Sparrow 1 hole; E. R. Dexter beat C. G. D. Carley 3 and 2; J. M. Cowman beat H. M. J. Ritchie, 3 and 2; J. E. Behrend beat R. F. Palmer, at 19th; T. F. Sharp beat M. J. D. Warren, 1 hole; N. M. Williamson beat J. R. Basford, 3 and 2; R. D. Christian beat R. A. Biggs, 4 and 3.

P. J. R. Webb beat C. J. Dean, 1 hole; N. J. Grant beat B. G. Streather, 2 and 1; R. L. Hedley-Miller beat P. F. Gardiner-Hill, 2 and 1; T. E. D. Harker beat D. L. Mason, 3 and 2; I. D. Wheater beat D. J. Youngman, 4 and 3; P. L. Osborn beat F. D. Physick, 2 and 1; J. M. Peel beat D. M. A. Steel, 2 holes; N. H. F. Copestick beat G. J. Agate, 3 and 2; M. Yates beat S. K. Donnellan, 7 and 6; E. J. G. Dunn beat R. H. Mitchell, 6 and 5; P. Dawson beat R. J. G. Hurst, 4 and 3; J. J. N. Caplan beat F. McL. Hayward, 5 and 4; M. J. Reece beat K. N. Fisher, 6 and 5; W. G. Morrison beat J. P. Turnbull, at 19th; D. G. Choyce beat N. M. Stephens, 1 hole; J. D. Cross beat J. S. Sutherland, 2 and 1; J. T. L. Watson beat R. P. Pentecost, 2 and 1; A. P. Stracey beat J. A. S. Nash, 4 and 3; A. Disley beat J. R. E. Kent, at 19th; G. T. Duncan beat J. Whitmore, 4 and 3; A. W. J. Holmes beat J. M. T. Warman, at 20th.

Third round

Coleridge beat Ames, 1 hole; Neville beat Uzielli, 2 and 1; Dexter beat Swanston, 3 and 2; Grant beat Webb, 2 and 1; Cowman beat Behrend, 3 and 2; Sharp beat Williamson, 4 and 3; Yates beat Copestick, 6 and 5; Reece beat Duncan, 6 and 5; Morrison beat Hedley-Miller, 1 hole; Harker beat Choyce, 3 and 2; Watson beat Cross, 2 and 1; Stracey beat Holmes, 2 and 1; Christian beat Wheater, at 19th; Osborn beat Peel, 2 and 1; Dawson beat Dunn, 2 and 1; Disley beat Caplan, 2 and 1.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Courmayeur	27	101	Fair	Powder	Poor	Fine	-1
Lower pistes worn							
Crans-Montana	30	120	Good	Crust	Good	Fine	-3
Good snow everywhere							
Flaine	50	150	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-5
Excellent skiing conditions							
Les Arcs	45	110	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-5
Powder on hard base							
Sauze d'Oulx	7	40	Icy	Varied	Poor	Fine	3
Worn patches on all slopes							
Seefeld	70	80	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-5
Good skiing conditions							
Verbier	15	120	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	4
Good skiing on all pistes							
Wengen	15	40	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-2
Excellent skiing conditions							
Val d'Isère	45	90	Good	Varied	Fair	Fine	-7
Lower slopes icy, upper good							

NORWAY	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
Finse	135	150	Good	—	-1
Geilo	60	70	Good	—	2
Gol	50	60	Good	—	-11
Lillehammer	20	70	Good	—	-11
Norefjell	90	105	Good	—	-5
Oslo	50	65	Good	—	-2
Rjukan	80	95	Good	—	2
Voss	80	90	Poor	—	2

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: A few main runs complete, others broken: spring snow. Lower slopes: No complete runs, snow cover patchy. Vertical runs: 1,200ft. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,400ft. Glenshee: No main run complete: snow cover patchy, wet snow. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas, wet snow. Vertical runs: Nil. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,500ft. Glencoe: Only one high level main run complete, all others broken. New snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Little or no snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Access roads clear. Snow level: 2,600ft.

For the record

Tennis

KING'S CUP: Sweden beat Britain 2—1 at Sunderland (British names first): J. Feaver beat T. Svensson, 7—6, 6—2; M. Cox lost to K. Johansson, 2—6, 6—4, 3—6; J. Lloyd and D. Lloyd lost to Svensson and O. Bengtson, 6—4, 6—7, 3—6; Austria beat Spain 3—0 (at Pamplona); West Germany beat Yugoslavia 3—0 (in Belgrade), Hungary beat France 2—1 (at Lille).

Golf

TUCSON: 65, T. Watson; 66, C. Coody; 67, F. Beard, W. Rogers; 68, J. C. Snead, K. Fergus; 69, C. Stadler, R. Wadkins, T. Aaron, B. Baird; 70, L. Trevino, R. Maltbie, B. Nichols, M. Barber, T. Purtzer; 71, R. Cole (South Africa); 73, P. Oosterhuis (GB); 77, K. Brown (GB); 79, J. Gonzales (Brazil).

Ski jumping

BISCHOFSHOFEN (Austria): 1, K. Ylianttila (Finland), 242.3 pts, 106m and 101.5m; 2, W. Steiner, 229, 104 and 96.5; 3, H. Glass (E Germany), 227.9, 99 and 100. Overall: 1, Ylianttila, 811.9 pts; 2, M. Buse (E Germany), 773.7; 3, M. Weber (E Germany) 760.4.

Speed skating

INZELL (W Germany): Men's 500 metres: 1, Y. Kulikov (USSR), 39.36 sec; 2, A. Medenikov (USSR), 39.75; 3, V. Muratov (USSR), 39.84. British placings: 17, A. Marshall, 41.62; 25, S. Grandshaw 42.66.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sabres 5, Colorado Rockies 3; Los Angeles Kings 4, Philadelphia Flyers 4; Detroit Red Wings 2, Toronto Maple Leafs 1.

Skiing

Mrs Moser's power puts her back on top

Pfronten, West Germany, Jan 6.—Showing all her old brilliance, Annemarie Moser, of Austria, surged back to the top of the women's World Cup standings here today with her first downhill win of the season. Mrs Moser, five times World Cup holder, gained compensation for her defeat in the opening downhill at Val D'Isère last month, and for the controversial disqualification at the same place which cost her second place in the giant slalom.

But the margin of her victory was only one tenth of a second, the runner-up, Cindy Nelson, of the United States, making a superb return to form after breaking an ankle a year ago. Doris de Agostini was third, with the West Germans, Irene Epple, who resumed training only three weeks ago after injury, and Evi Mittermaier, delighting the home crowd by taking fourth and fifth places.

The spotlight, though, was firmly on the 24-year-old Austrian, who returned to the cup circuit last season after an 18-month lay-off. Mrs Moser lost the lead in the overall classification after being disqualified at Val D'Isère because her ski suit was found not to have sufficient air permeability.

LEADING RESULTS: 1, A. Moser (Austria), 1min 19.17sec; 2, C. Nelson (US), 1:19.57; 3, D. de Agostini (Switzerland), 1:19.71; 4, I. Epple (West Germany), 1:20.22; 5, E. Mittermaier (West Germany), 1:20.24; 6, M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland), 1:20.45. British placings: 47, V. Iliffe, 1:24.67; 55, H. Hutcheon, 1:25.83; 57, A. Robb, 1:26.78.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, A. Moser, 61 pts; 2, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 53; 3, L.-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 40; 4, M. Kaserer (Austria), 38; 5, M.-T. Nadig, 37; 6, I. Epple, 32.—Reuter.

Weekend fixtures

FA Cup: Third round

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

Birmingham v Wigan A
Blackburn v Shrewsbury
Blyth S v Enfield (2.0)
Brighton v Scarborough
Bristol C v Wrexham
Burnley v Fulham
Cardiff v Ipswich (2.30)
Carlisle v Manchester U.
Charlton v Notts C
Chelsea v Liverpool
Derby v Southend
Everton v Aston V
Exeter v Wolverhampton
Grimsby v Southampton
Hartlepool v Crystal P
Hull C v Leicester
Leeds v Manchester C
Luton v Oldham
Mansfield v Plymouth
Middlesbro v Coventry
Nottm F v Swindon
Peterborough v Newcastle
QP Rangers v Wealdstone
Rotherham v Millwall
Sheffield U v Arsenal
Stoke v Tilbury
Sunderland v Bristol R
Tottenham H v Bolton
Walsall v Swansea
West Brom v Blackpool
West Ham v Watford

Third division

Bradford C v Colchester
Bury v Cambridge U
Gillingham v Hereford
Port Vale v Portsmouth

Fourth division

Barnsley v Darlington
Crewe v Scunthorpe
Huddersfield v Rochdale
Reading v Bournemouth
Southport v Torquay
Wimbledon v Brentford
York C v Newport

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: AP Leamington v Minehead; Atherstone v Hastings; Cheltenham v Weymouth; Dartford v Grantham; Dover v Kettering; Maidstone v Worcester; Nuneaton v Barnet; Redditch v Yeovil (at Bromsgrove); Telford v Gravesend. First Division North: Banbury v Enderby; Bedworth v Witney; Corby v Merthyr T; Dunstable v Bridgend (2.15); Gloucester v Burton (3.15); Kidderminster v Cambridge City; King's Lynn v Oswestry; Milton Keynes v Tamworth; Wellingborough v Bromsgrove. First Division South: Addlestone v Romford; Ashford v Taunton; Aylesbury v Margate; Chelmsford v Bognor Regis; Hounslow v Crawley; Poole v Canterbury; Salisbury v Trowbridge; Waterlooville v Folkestone Shepway.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Boston U v Mossley; Buxton v Workington; Frickley v Matlock; Sth Liverpool v Stafford Rangers.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Barking v Leytonstone; Bishop's [illegible] Carshalton Athletic; Croydon v Kingstonian; Hitchin Town v Woking; Leatherhead v Boreham Wood; Sutton United v Southall and EB; Tooting and Mitcham v Wycombe Wanderers.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Burnham v Billericay (2.15); Chalfont St Peter v Harefield United (2.15); Chertsey Town v Ruislip Manor (2.15); Edgware v Windsor and Eton (2.15); Haringey Borough v Grays Athletic; Leyton-Wingate v Hoddesdon; Redhill v Marlow; Uxbridge v Erith and Belvedere (2.15).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Lancing OB v Old Aldenhamians (2.15); Old Harrovians v Old Ardinians (2.15); Old Wellingburians v Old Chigwellians (2.15).

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First Division: Cheadle v South Manchester & Wythenshawe; Old Hulmeians v Heaton Mersey; Old Stopfordians v Urmston; Old Waconians v Boardman & Eccles; Sheffield University v Mellor; Stockport v Ashton.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First Division: Buckhurst Hill v Bexleyheath; Kenton v Lee; Purley v Croydon.

Squash Rackets

WRAF v Harwell (at Harwell).

Scottish Cup: Second round

Albion R v Buckie T (2.0)
Berwick v Raith R
Brechin v Dunfermline (2.0)
Inverness Caly v Civil S Strollers
Meadowbank v E Stirling
Peterhead v Cowdenbeath (2.15)
Stranraer v Queen's Pk
Vale of Leithen v Forfar (2.15)

Scottish premier division

Ayr v Aberdeen
Clydebank v Partick T
Dundee U v Hibernian
Motherwell v St Mirren
Rangers v Celtic (1.0)

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Montrose
Alloa v Morton (2.15)
Arbroath v Dumbarton
East Fife v St Johnstone
Hearts v Dundee
Queen of South v Hamilton
Stirling Albion v Kilmarnock

Scottish second division

Clyde v Falkirk

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Southgate; Bromley v Cheam; Dulwich v St Albans; Hawks v Blackheath; Hounslow v Reading; Mid-Surrey v Purley; Slough v Maidenhead; Surbiton v Old Kingstonians; Tulse Hill v Spencer.

OTHER MATCHES: Gore Court v Herne Bay; Ilford v Eastcote; Richmond v Teddington; Wimbledon v Reigate.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL MATCH: South v South Wales (at Bisham Abbey).

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Wigan v Bradford Northern (2.0).

Rugby Union

Trial matches

England v The Rest (at Twickenham, 2.15)
Probables v Possibles (at Lansdowne Road, 2.30)
Whites v Blues (at Murrayfield, 2.0)

Club matches

Aberavon v Swansea
Army v Harlequins (2.30)
Bath v Leicester
Bedford v Cardiff
Birmingham v Nuneaton (2.45)
Bradford v Wakefield (2.30)
Carlisle v Northern (2.30)
Camborne v Plymouth Alb (2.30)
Coventry v Neath
Cross Keys v Metro Police (2.30)
Davenport v Hull & ER (2.30)
Gala v Birkenhead Pk (2.30)
Gosforth v Broughton Pk (2.15)
Harrogate v Halifax (2.30)
Liverpool v Fylde (2.30)
Ldn Scottish v Gloucester (2.30)
Manchester v Waterloo (2.30)
Moseley v Llanelli
Newport v Bridgend (2.45)
Northampton v Ldn Welsh
Nottingham v Bristol
Orrell v Morley (2.30)
Pontypool v Penarth
Rosslyn Pk v Blackheath (2.30)
Roundhay v Jordanhill (3.30)
Rugby v Ldn Irish (2.30)
Sale v New Brighton
Saracens v Ebbw Vale (2.30)
Sth Wales Police v Pontypridd (2.30)
Sunderland v West Hartlepool (2.30)
Taunton v Exeter (2.30)
Wasps v Richmond (2.30)
Wilmslow v Headingley (2.30)
Edinburgh Wdrs v W of Scotland (2.30)
Heriot's FP v Watsonians (2.30)
Jedforest v Langholm (2.30)
Kelso v Hawick (2.30)
Kilmarnock v Edinburgh Acads (2.30)
Stewarts/Mel FP v Glas Acads (2.30)

Tomorrow

Rugby Union

JOHN PLAYER CUP: First round: Richmond v Wasps (2.30).

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Bramley v Salford (3.30); Hull v Widnes (3.0); Hull KR v New Hunslet (2.45); St Helens v Dewsbury (3.0); Wakefield T v Castleford (3.30); Workington T v Warrington (2.30); Featherstone R v Leeds (2.30).

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Blackpool B (3.30); Doncaster v Whitehaven (2.30); Huddersfield v Batley (3.0); Keighley v Halifax (3.15); Leigh v Huyton (3.30); Swinton v Rochdale H (3.0); York v Oldham (2.30).

Hockey

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands (semi-final round, 1.45 pm): Nottingham v Northampton Saints; Bournville v Leicester Westleigh.

OTHER MATCHES: London Indians v Hertfordshire (Hongkong & Shanghai Bank ground, 2.15); Bedfordshire v RAF (Wardown Park, Luton, 2.15).

WOMEN'S: Territorial Match: West v South Wales (at Cheltenham).

COUNTY MATCH: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire (at Northampton).

RACE WALKING: Metropolitan Police Open 11 Kilometres (at Thames Ditton, 2.0).

RACKETS: Swallow Trophy: Semi-final and final (at Queen's Club).

REAL TENNIS: Angus Cup (at Queen's Club).

SQUASH RACKETS: RAF v Jesters (at RAF Uxbridge).

LACROSSE: Representative match: Lancashire Under 23 v English Universities (at Timperley, 2.00). Six-a-Side Competition—Heaton Mersey (11.00). Women's match: Harpenden v Pendley.

Television highlights

BBC 1

Football: FA Cup preview (12.20)
Racing: Haydock Park races at 1.0, 1.30, 2.0, 2.30
Squash: Alauddin v Jahan (1.40)
Surfing: Hawaii tournament (2.10)
Rugby League: Wigan v Bradford Northern (2.40)
American Football: Michigan v Washington (3.30)
Football: Match of the Day (10.0)

BBC 2

Indoor Bowling: England v Ireland (5.55)
Tennis: Masters tournament (10.40)

IBA

Football: FA Cup preview (12.35)
Racing: Sandown Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Market Rasen races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Equestrian: Upminster show jumping (3.10)
Wrestling: Harrogate promotion (4.0)

BBC 2—tomorrow

Rugby Union: Scotland v Wales 19 Group (5.40)

IBA—tomorrow
Football: [illegible]

:icket

'ootmarks of Willis)resent England vith fearful problem

ım John Woodcock
cket Correspondent
derabad, Jan 6

be combination of Pakistani tion and English canniness left gland with only five minutes ting in their second innings in second Test match here this ning. Pakistan batted on and until they were 343 runs ahead. re than England could reasony expect to make in a month Sundays against Abdul Qadir's breaks turning out of the igh.

f Pakistan can score 259 for r declared in their own second ings, with as little difficulty as y did, why should England not 344 to win at a run a minute? ere are various answers to t: one that this is a poor gland batting side. Another t their only spin today was ger spin. The bare patch rowly outside the right ıder's leg stump is still ponding only to genuine spin, the kind that England are king.

fad England lost a couple of :kets this evening, as they zht have done had Wasim Bari clared with an hour to go, when was perfectly safe to do so, I uld have given them little hope saving the game tomorrow. As s they must have a fair chance doing so. I would not back m perhaps (nor would you if ı had seen the agonies Boycott fered in surviving Qadir's only r this evening) but the pitch, ving no pace, is of the kind, spite its patch, which Test batsn, once they get in, should be e to cope with.

Today, Miandad took his Test res to 71, 19 not out, 88 not : and 61 not out, Haroon to ', 45 not out, 108 and 35 and idassar to 114, 20, 27 and 66; : Pakistan's lack of urgency was : main impression. They even ok 14 minutes between innings s evening when they did at last clare.

To try to get their innings mov: this morning Wasim Raja ne in with Mudassar rather ın Shafique, who was at number ree on the first day. The move s moderately successful, Mudas- and Wasim Raja adding 61 together, though at no great rate. gland made no pretence at ack, Lever, for example, bowl; off a shortened run and with ly the wicketkeeper anywhere r the bat. Edmonds, inclined under-pitch, conceded 20 runs his first five overs; Cope, re accurate than guileful, conled nine in his first eight overs. ıdassar, having much more of : strike than Raja, tried within : limitations to force the scor; he played one or two unexctedly good strokes off his legs. The footmarks out of which igland are fearful of being spun defeat are Willis's. This being , Brearley was some time bring; him on today and when he l bowl he was more careful m on Monday about his followrough. In his first over, though, took the two wickets to fall 's morning, Mudassar's to a low side catch by Taylor, deftly cen, Raja's when he flicked a lf volley straight to square leg. st bowlers, Willis included, have lot of unlucky overs to put up th, but this was certainly not e of them.

Pakistan's equivalent of the English Sunday is Friday, so that for the first time in the match the ground was full, which meant a crowd of some 15,000. For most of the afternoon they could watch their new idols, Haroon and Miandad, together, for a few confused minutes of it with a runner for Haroon, who had aggravated an injured hamstring. After a lot of coming, and going Wasim Bari came in and ran for a couple of overs before Haroon and Miandad decided that his presence was more trouble than it was worth.

That Wasim Bari appointed himself Haroon's runner was because Brearley refused to have Mudassar, presumably because he thought he was too fast and too familiar with the fielders' capabilities, and Miandad refused to have Wasim Raja for a reason which they kept to themselves. Neither batsman wanted Sadiq, the only other Pakistani to have already batted, because he carries too much weight. The time it all took up meant that in the first hour after lunch only nine overs were bowled, five of them by Edmonds. In the next hour there were 11, though the playing conditions for the tour stipulate that a minimum of 13 shall be maintained throughout.

In his batting Haroon was in more discomfort than trouble. Against this England attack and on this particular wicket he survived easily enough! occasionally, when the ball was far enough up for him to get at, he drove hard. Once, too, he swept Edmonds for six, his seventh of the match. Miandad was all wrist and confidence and quickness of foot. They added 72 together before Haroon pulled Cope to Brearley standing near the square leg umpire.

For England the main part of the day was taken up with containment, so as to delay the time when they had to bat themselves. They are, of course, old hands at this and in spite of Miandad's ability to improvise they kept things pretty tight. Brearley knows the fields to place, Cope and Lever the length and line to bowl. Miller, suffering from a stiff back, was little used. At Long leg and deep mid-off stood Boycott, arms folded, his thoughts no doubt on the safest way of playing leg breaks out of a bowler's footmarks.

Test scorecard

PAKISTAN: First Innings, 275 (Haroon Rashid 108, Javed Miandad 88 not out)

Second Innings
Mudassar Nazar, c Taylor, b Willis .. 66
Sadiq Mohammad, c Edmonds, b Cope .. 22
Wasim Raja, c Edmonds, b Willis .. 24
Harroon Rashid, c Brearley, b Cope .. 35
Javed Miandad, not out .. 61
Shafique Ahmed, not out .. 27
Extras (b 13, l-b 11) .. 24
Total (4 wkts dec) .. 259

* Wasim Bari, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Liaquat Ali, Sikander Bakht did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—55, 2—116, 3—117, 4—189.

BOWLING: Willis, 11-2-26-2; Lever, 20—2—62—0; Edmonds, 30—6—85—0; Cope, 24—9—42—2; Miller, 2—0—8—0; Roope, 1—0—2—0.

ENGLAND: First Innings, 191 (G. Boycott 79; Abdul Qadir 6 for 44)

Second Innings
*J. M. Brearley, not out .. 7
G. Boycott, not out .. 3
Extras .. 0
Total (no wkt) .. 10

B. C. Rose, D. W. Randall, G. R. J. Roope, G. Miller, †R. W. Taylor, P. H. Edmonds, G. A. Cope, J. K. Lever, R. W. Willis to bat.

BOWLING (to date): Liaquat, 1—0—10—0; Qadir, 1—1—0—0.

'ewer selection problems or confident Indians

Sydney, Jan 6.—The Indian ıring team who won a Test ıtch in Australia for the first ne on Wednesday prepare for norrow's fourth Test here in oyant mood. They are convinced ey can now go on to take the :ies. Bishen Bedi's side, beaten rrowly in the first two matches the series, snatched the psychoical advantage with their win of 2 runs in Melbourne on the first ıch to assist their formidable in attack.

Bedi has mild injury worries out Bhagwat Chandrasekhar, the ro of Melbourne with 12 wickets, ıo has a sore ankle, and Mohinr Amarnath, who has a split iger. Both will probably play, t Amarnath may be unable to wl. This will not worry the dians unduly if he can repeat e batting form that has brought m 350 runs in the series so far. There is more concern about an igmatic wicket which both capns believe will favour them. illiant sunshine today followed ree days of heavy rain, and er inspecting the pitch Bedi rerked that it was incredibly damp Australia's captain, Bobby Simpn, said he believed the wicket ıuld favour Australia's fast bowlers, and added that the pitch was drying out well. Simpson hinted that he might send the Indians in to bat if he wins the toss to give Thomson and his fast bowling assistants, Clark and Gannon, first crack at the batting.

The Indians, who will not name their team until later, restricted their practice today to fielding, while the Australians retreated to the indoor nets. The Australians are committed to the 12 named for the Melbourne match, as the team was chosen for both games, but it is Simpson who seems to have greater selection worries.—Reuter.

Brisbane, Jan 6.—Jeffrey Thomson, an Australian fast bowler, last night turned down the chance to play county cricket for Surrey after a day of speculation about his future.

After talks with Thomson and the Brisbane radio station he works for, Norman McMahon, the Queensland Cricket Association chairman, announced that Thomson would not be coming to England but would definitely play for Australia on the tour of the Caribbean next month.

Iockey

Hertfordshire endeavouring o muster strong force

· Sydney Friskin

The vacant post of England's ckey team manager is to be filled nporarily by Tony Ekins, of uthgate and Cambridgeshire, the ckey Association announced sterday. The appointment will ce effect immediately and be for e period up to and including the ırth World Cup, to be held in enos Aires from March 13 to ril 4.

Ekins has been capped 34 times · England and 35 times for Great itain. He was a member of the eat Britain team in the Mexico ympic Games in 1968 and otained the side at the Munich ympic Games in 1972. More ently he shared in Southgate's umphs, particularly in the Euroan club championship in ısterdam (1976) and London 977).

The England indoor hockey ım, playing as the Roses club, e now at The Hague, taking rt in an international club ırnament along with Granwood, presenting Scotland. Whereas eland were able to take their ongest side, England had to ike late changes. Richard rker and Whitaker having opped out to give way to rough and Ward.

Next weekend England and otland will meet in the sixtions tournament at Crystal lace where the four home untries will be joined, it is ped, by France and Italy. ecial interest surrounds the gland-Scotland match for which special trophy will be awarded the winners.

The outdoor scene has conquently been shorn of much of interest but there is still some en competition in the national club championship and the leagues. Some teams, like Hertfordshire, are preparing for the quarter-final round of the county championship to be played on January 22. Hertfordshire have done wisely by arranging a match against London Indians tomorrow at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank ground, New Beckenham. London Indians, full of skill and enthusiasm, have that stimulating quality of bringing out the best in the opposition.

With Hurst away at The Hague, Wells is keeping goal for Hertfordshire who have announced a strong party of 12 which includes Ashby as a reserve. Morgan, Hazell and Guyton represent their main striking force and the defence is well fortified by Collison and Brooker at full back. Hertfordshire's aim is to muster as strong a force as possible for their county championship match against Hampshire at St Albans on January 22.

London Indians have several stick artists in their side. One of the more attractive players is Shahid Khan who usually plays for Blackheath. Another resourceful player from Blackheath is Imtiaz and there is more talent in the persons of Shafique and Azam. Kulbir Singh, who is committed to Indian Gymkhana, is not available.

Nottingham are expected to beat Northampton Saints in the Midlands semi-final round of the national club championship but there should be a closer struggle in the other match between Bournville and Leicester Westleigh. There is no reason to believe that Slough's position at the top of the London League table is insecure. They should easily beat Maidenhead today.

Racing

Bailey bridge to instant success

By Michael Seely

The 26-year-old Kim Bailey can saddle his first winner since taking over from his father, Ken, by capturing the Anthony Mildmay Peter Cazalet Memorial Steeplechase with Shifting Gold at Sandown Park this afternoon. The Grand National is the ultimate objective for Shifting Gold; and the nine-year-old has been excelling himself this season.

At Warwick, he was always travelling like a winner in the hands of Michael Dickinson, and beat Ballymore by a comfortable three lengths. On this course last month, he defied an 8lb penalty when accounting for Ghost Writer. On today's altered terms, Ghost Writer should turn the tables, but Shifting Gold is the more consistent of the two and is a confident selection to confirm the placings. As Dickinson, Shifting Gold's likely jockey at Aintree, is riding Gay Spartan at Haydock Park, John Francome will make a more than able deputy this afternoon.

If Haydock stage the most valuable prize of the day, the racing at Sandown is at least of equal class. Some of our best young talent will be on view in the Tolworth Hurdle and the Panama Cigar qualifier. Both these events should become a match between the powerful stables of Fred Winter and Fred Rimell. I am going for Rimell to win both races with Western Rose and Piccadilly Line.

At the moment, Western Rose looks likely to start favourite for the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham. After an impressive victory at Newbury in November, Western Rose ran a fine race for a novice when dividing Kybo and Decent Fellow in the S.G.B. Hire Shop Hurdle. This form should obviously be taken with a pinch of salt as Decent Fellow ran far below his best. And Kybo's Championship hopes received something of a setback when Josh Gifford's five-year-old failed to give weight to Levaramoss at Fontwell Park. But this was still a smart performance by Western Rose.

Ian Urquhart's six-year-old will be tested to the full. Slasher, Excelsior, The Tista and Gruffandgrim are all young hurdlers of above average potential. Gruffandgrim has already tasted defeat at the hands of Western Rose, but Winter blames himself for leaving his Irish import short of work on that occasion. Gruffandgrim has since confirmed this opinion with a smooth display at Newbury, but Western Rose can hardly be opposed.

On public form, Piccadilly Line can be given little chance of beating Spring Frolic, who won his second race in succession when comfortably beating Hallodri at Kempton. But I shall still take a chance with Piccadilly Line, who was found to be "set fast" after finishing ninth of 11 on his first appearance over hurdles behind Gruffandgrim at Newbury. The five-year-old is something of a cautious jumper, but showed so much ability when winning three races in succession on the flat last season, that I am taking him to upset the favourite today.

The best bet at Market Rasen is Brown Barman in the £3,000 Lincoln Handicap Steeplechase. Arthur Stephenson's six-year-old acquitted himself with great credit when third to Set Point and Irish Tony at Wetherby. He should be too game for John O'Neill's mount, Lord Browndodd. The Bishop Auckland trainer can complete a double with Vimy Ridge in the Joe Coral Golden Hurdle Handicap qualifier, and Maurice Camacho's Wetherby winner, Nice Palm, despite his 5 lb penalty still looks the pick of the weights in the Furniture Factor's Handicap Steeplechase.

Commandant under orders for Embassy final

Toby Balding is on the crest of the wave and he saddled his fifth winner of the week, bringing his score to 25 for the season, when Commandant won the Londesborough Handicap Steeplechase at Sandown Park yesterday.

Commandant caught Sycamore going to the last and despite a mistake, quickly drew clear to score by two and a half lengths. "That is my horse's sixth win in 10 races over fences", Ron Tenty, his owner-breeder, said. Mr Tenty continued: "Commandant will now take on The Dealer in the Embassy Premier Chase Final at Haydock at the end of the month." The Weyhill horse is now offered at 16-1 by Hills.

Commandant is a year younger than his half-brother, Fire Silk, who won both his races when introduced to fences early in the season. He is back in training after a rest. Mr Tenty said that the horse would be aimed at Ascot's Heinz Steeplechase, which Commandant captured last year.

Fjord has had two seasons hunting, and putting the experience to good use with a foot-perfect round, defeated Pacify by four lengths in the Stanley Amateur Riders Handicap Steeplechase. Apart from following hounds, Fjord also ran in point-to-points before Verley Bewicke bought him on behalf of Major John Urquhuart. Fjord was ably partnered by Major Robert Faulknear and will be back here for the Royal Military meeting in March. He is also to be entered for a couple of races at Cheltenham the following week.

Ardlair, who took the measure of Genovese going to the last before drawing away to win the Cardinal Handicap Hurdle, is one of the 82 entries for the Schweppes Gold Trophy to be published next week. "This horse had an arthritic knee and it got better with running rather than resting", Roddy Armytage, the trainer, said.

Anthony Webber was out of luck again when his partner Mister Tack fell at the fifth in this race, for he had to be taken to Epsom Hospital with concussion.



Commandant (right) takes the last fence ahead of Sycamore in the Londesborough Steeplechase at Sandown Park.

Gay Spartan taken to survive tough test

By Michael Seely

Gay Spartan is my selection to win the £8,000 Tote Northern Steeplechase, the day's feature race at Haydock Park this afternoon, for Tony and Michael Dickinson. Last March in holding going at Cheltenham Gay Spartan galloped Billycan and The Last Light into the ground. After his two victories at Hexham and Warwick this season stable confidence should be unlimited in Gay Spartan's ability to win this race carrying 11st. But the Dickinsons have always been adamant that Gay Spartan is overrated by the racing public and on the prevailing good going the issue must be in doubt.

The Tote may be dissappointed that there are only five runners for their race. But despite the poor turnout backers have been posed a problem. At Sandown Park last season Master H put up a fine performance when beating Gay Spartan's stable companion, Broncho II, in a valuable handicap at level weights. The stable know well that Gay Spartan lacks Broncho's speed under the present conditions. If Master H is in the same form he could well give 8lb to Gay Spartan. But Michael Oliver's nine-year-old has only won two amateur riders' races this season and his well-being is therefore uncertain.

There is little doubt that Irish Tony is the pick of the handicap. Neville Crump's gelding was in splendid form when he won four races last season. He showed that he has retained much of that ability when running Set Point to half a length at Wetherby on Boxing Day. Stable reports suggest that Irish Tony has been working well at Middleham.

But the drawbacks are that, like Gay Spartan, Irish Tony needs the mud, he is also a horse who has to be covered up and held for a late run. And this will be difficult for Denis Atkins in this afternoon's small field. I can give little chance to Graigue House and Double Negative. With the Dickinsons carrying all before them this week I am taking Gay Spartan's bold jumping and front-running tactics to pay dividends this afternoon.

Despite the sound surface I am taking Pattern Maker to win the Merseyside Handicap Hurdle for Gordon Richards and David Goulding. This is a wide open affair. Father Delaney's second to Siobara at Catterick last week was given a boost when his conqueror scored again here yesterday. Peter Easterby's six-year-old is fancied to land his fifth victory of the season.

The consistent Colonel Taj has been well backed to win this rich handicap for the Middleham stable of Harry Blackshaw. Brave Kid has also been supported to continue Derek Kent's recent run of success in this type of event. Toby Balding's Prescott returned to his best form when sprinting home from Loonshlang at Windsor. But I am going for Bula's half-brother Pattern Maker who confirmed the promise he showed last season when slamming Hellbeck at Wetherby. Another likely winner at Haydock is Bishop's Pawn, who can follow up his recent success at Newcastle by taking the Oldham Amateur Riders' Handicap for John Nelson, an Annan farmer.

The Philip Cornes qualifier should be close between Nimrody and Lighter. The versatile Nimrody, winner of a novices hurdle at Sandown in December ran a fine race over fences when fifth to Batchelor's Hall in the King George VI steeplechase. But I prefer that able five-year-old Lighter, who since being sold out of Dick Hern's stable has beaten Rushmere by 15 lengths at Leicester for his new trainer, John Edwards.

At Haydock yesterday True Wish earned his place in the Embassy Premier Steeplechase final with an easy six-length victory over John's Knapp in the Gamekeeper's Handicap Steeplechase. Once again Shifting Gold's half-brother jumped brilliantly. He was a little outpaced in the back straight by Fidler on the Hoof, but as soon as Ron Barry's mount tired, Tony Dickinson's six year old went clear to win on the bridle.

STATE OF GOING: Haydock Park steeple chase course, good. Hurdle course, good except run-in where good to firm. Sandown Park, good. Market Rasen, good to soft. Monday Sedgefield, good. Leicester steeple chase course, good. Hurdle course, good to soft.

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.0 STAND STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £880: 2m 18yd)
409 1 00-a031 Sure Enough (E. Courage), Courage, 7-11-10 ...... —
2 00033-4 Andrew Patrick (J. Rogerson), R. Turnell, 7-11-5 A. Turnell
5 3-3 Comedy Time (Countess M. Esterhazy), C. Bewicke, 7-11-5 J. King
6 34-0203 Line Shooter (L. Thwaites), F. Walwyn, 6-11-5 .. W. Smith
7 pf0-000 Mekbala (Mrs D. Haine), J. Haine, 6-11-5 ...... R. Mangan
8 000-2 No Don't (N. James), P. M. Taylor, 7-11-5 ...... A. Carroll
11 0-10000 Prosen (J. O'Donoghue), O'Donoghue, 9-11-5 B. McGarrigle 7
12 114-2b3 Serpent Prince (Exors of the late Sir R. Rootes), J. Gifford, 7-11-5 ...... R. Champion
13 02403-0 Snow Mountain (A. Taylor), R. Armytage, 6-11-5 H. J. Evans
11-4 Line Shooter, 3-1 Sure Enough, 7-2 Andrew Patrick, 11-2 Serpent Prince, 7-1 Comedy Time, 14-1 No Don't, 16-1 others.

1.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifier: 5-y-o: £1,242: 2m)
201 211 Spring Frolic (D) (Mrs O. Jackson), F. Winter, 11-9 J. Francome
203 134300 *Fairman (Mrs J. Champion), R. Atkins, 11-3 ...... —
205 0 Aytidofs (P. Gratson), D. Ringer, 11-0 ...... H. J. Evans
204 Belfalas (Lord Rotherwick), T. Forster, 11-0 ...... G. Thorner
206 202210 David Tudor (D) (A. Block), D. Ringer, 11-0 .. R. R. Evans
207 f-0 Persian Scimitar (Mrs V. Robertson), N. Wakley, 11-0 R. Atkins
208 0 Piccadilly Line (T. Hammond), F. Rimell, 11-0 .... J. Burke
209 0 Troopial (A. Smith), R. Turnell, 11-0 ...... A. Turnell
4-6 Spring Frolic, 9-2 Belfalas, 6-1 Piccadilly Line, 10-1 Troopial, 16-1 David Tudor, 20-1 others.

2.0 ANTHONY MILDMAY, PETER CAZALET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,069: 3m 5f 18yd)
302 124220 Ghost Writer (C) (R. Smith), F. Walwyn, 11-11-7 W. Smith
303 304-071 Shifting Gold (C-D) (R. Russell), K. Bailey, 9-11-4 J. Francome
306 402031 Ballymore (D. Samuel), P. Bailey, 10-10-7 .. R. Champion
309 42010-0 Top Priority (Major D. Wigan), J. Gifford, 9-10-0 M. Stanley
311 2-44430 Evander (A. Wates), Wates, 10-10-0 ...... R. Atkins
13-8 Shifting Gold, 2-1 Ghost Writer, 9-2 Ballymore, 8-1 Top Priority, 12-1 Evander.

2.30 TOLWORTH HURDLE (£2,345: 2m)
402 0f-131 Gruffandgrim (D. Prenn), F. Winter, 5-11-9 .. J. Francome
403 2221 The Tista (D) (S. Powell), S. Mellor, 6-11-9 .. P. Blacker
404 210 Purdo (D. Samuel), P. Bailey, 7-11-7 ...... R. Champion
405 012 Western Rose (I. Urquhart), F. Rimell, 6-11-7 .. J. Burke
408 0 Barley Boy (G. Balding), Balding, 4-10-4 ...... R. Linley
409 413 Excelsior (D) (Mrs H. Flashman), H. O'Neil, 4-10-4 G. McCourt
410 2222 *Slasher (J. Viall), S. Matthews, 4-10-4 ...... —
8-13 Western Rose, 100-30 Gruffandgrim, 13-2 The Tista, 12-1 Purdo, 20-1 others.

3.0 VILLAGE HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £1,193: 2m)
604 0 Atlantic Bridge (J. Urbano), G. Balding, 11-0 ...... R. Linley
605 00 Auream (P. Crouch), D. Jermy, 11-0 ...... J. Southern
607 00 Betty Blow (B. Tracey), D. Underwood, 11-0 ...... J. King
611 40 Living For Kicks (J. Hawksley), W. Musson, 11-0 ...... —
612 Lord of Misrule (R. Selman), C. Dingwall, 11-0 D. O'Donovan
615 0030 Plastic Cap (R. O'Neill), O'Neill, 11-0 ...... G. McCourt
616 000 *Pontylay (M. Collins), J. O'Donoghue, 11-0 B. McCarrigle 7
617 00 Price Review (B. Gubby), Gubby, 11-0 ...... Joe Guest
618 Prince Lancing (A. Edgar), J. S. Evans, 11-0 ...... W. Smith
619 Princes Risk (A. Wright), P. Mitchell, 11-0 .... R. G. Hughes
621 04 Silver Seal (Major D. Wigan), J. Gifford, 11-0 R. Champion
15-8 Atlantic Bridge, 5-2 Silver Seal, 7-1 Auream, 10-1 Body Blow, Plastic Cup, 12-1 Price Review, 14-1 Princes Risk, 16-1 others.

3.15 EXPRESS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,108: 2m 18yd)
503 03-3211 Tree Tangle (C-D) (Mrs B. Meehan), R. Turnell, 9-11-6 A. Turnell

Walks over

* Doubtful runner.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.0 Serpent Prince. 1.30 Piccadilly Line. 2.0 Shifting Gold. 2.30 Western Rose. 3.0 Silver Seal.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 David Tudor.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.0 Lighter. 1.30 Bishops Pawn. 2.0 Gay Spartan. 2.30 Pattern Maker. 3.0 Cask and Glass. 3.30 Galah Bird.

Haydock Park programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.0, 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.0 PHILIP CORNES HURDLE (Qualifier: Novices: £1,133: 2½m)
3 233032 Lucky Pal, W. Whiston, 7-11-5 ...... R. F. Davies
4 00-0010 Nimrody (D), D. Kent, 7-11-5 ...... P. Haynes
5 120021 Roman Dean (D), K. Hogg, 6-11-5 ...... R. Barry
8 1 Lighter, J. Edwards, 5-11-1 ...... C. Tinkler
10 42-3000 Border Brief, M. Cousins, 6-11-0 ...... G. Holmes
11 f-02 Dunmarc, F. Jestin, 6-11-0 ...... P. Mangan
13 p0-0 Gaelic Dancer, J. Turner, 8-11-0 .... Mr A. J. Wilson
14 00-ab0 Ismolleen, T. Brookshaw, 6-11-0 ...... E. Brooke 7
15 000-300 Karella, S. Holland, 6-11-0 ...... —
16 30-0f0 Prince Kumar VI, M. Oliver, 6-11-0 ...... R. Crank
17 p-p Prince Spook, W. Charles, 6-11-0 ...... M. Charles 5
20 000 Beirib, D. McCain, 5-10-10 ...... W. Reanwood 7
23 00-0002 Glenturk, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-10 ...... Mr T. Dun 7
5-4 Lighter, 2-1 Nimrody, 8-1 Lucky Pal, 12-1 Roman Deen, 14-1 Glenturk, 16-1 others.

1.30 OLDHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,245: 2½m)
5 22001f Bold Warrior, J. Berry, 7-11-12 ...... Mr N. Henderson
6 03-a321 Bishops Pawn, J. Nelson, 7-11-10 ...... Mr J. Nelson 5
7 312334 Spacer (D), S. Holland, 6-11-6 ...... Mr A. J. Wilson
9 02p42 Kevock Royal, J. Edwards, 10-11-0 .... Mr J. Darlington 7
10 f-3 Foreign Field, K. Oliver, 8-10-13 ...... Mr J. Mackie 5
11 020-p12 Madison (D), J. Priday, 11-10-12 ...... —
13 0-4404f Wild Rushes, M. Oliver, 8-10-1 ...... Mr D. Trow 7
15-8 Bishops Pawn, 5-2 Kevock Royal, 4-1 Madison, 8-1 Bold Warrior, 12-1 Foreign Field, 14-1 Spacer, 20-1 Wild Rushes.

2.0 TOTE NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £6,186: 3m)
1 40-4101 Master H (C,D), M. Oliver, 9-12-0 ...... Mr J. Weston 5
2 11-31p1 Gay Spartan (C-D), A. Dickinson, 7-11-6 .... M. Dickinson
4 1120fp Graigue House (C,D), Miss S. Morris, 10-10-12 .... E. Wright
5 002042 Double Negative (D), F. Rimell, 8-10-8 ...... C. Tinkler
6 0-44222 Irish Tony (D), N. Crump, 10-10-6 ...... D. Atkins
7-4 Gay Spartan, 11-4 Double Negative, 7-2 Irish Tony, 9-2 Master H, 14-1 Graigue House.

2.30 MERSEYSIDE HURDLE (Handicap: £3,967: 2½m)
1 000-120 Crown Matrimonial (D), I. Dudgeon, 6-12-0 ...... E. Waite 7
2 4-11112 Father Delaney, M. H. Easterby, 6-11-8 ...... A. Brown 5
4 201-001 Pattern Maker, G. Richards, 6-11-4 ...... D. Goulding
5 0f2-0f1 Brave Kid, D. Kent, 8-11-2 ...... P. Haynes
6 0033-13 Colonel Taj (C), H. Blackshaw, 5-11-1 ...... R. Barry
8 1-300 Hutton Lad, M. Camacho, 7-10-8 ...... C. Tinkler
9 401202 Twidale, J. Wilson, 8-10-7 ...... A. Webb 5
10 020401 Prescott (C-D), G. Balding, 7-10-2 ...... R. C. Bailey
12 1-00f02 Donnison, M. Tate, 7-10-0 ...... R. Hyett
13 0000u0 Burelor, D. Sasse, 5-10-0 ...... R. F. Davies
14 000e0e Raise You Again, W. Charles, 10-10-0 ...... M. Charles 6
4-1 Brave Kid, 9-2 Pattern Maker, 6-1 Colonel Taj, 11-2 Father Delaney, 8-1 Prescott, 10-1 Crown Matrimonial, 12-1 Donnison, 14-1 Twidale, 16-1 Hutton Lad, 33-1 others.

3.0 ROCHDALE STEEPLECHASE (*Handicap: Novices*: £691: 2m)
2 0-3p201 Diamond Head (D), F. Yardley, 7-11-7 ...... N. Tinkler
3 1-33142 Cask and Glass, W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-10 .... G. Faulkner
4 003223 Willrae, S. Mellor, 7-10-3 ...... S. Jobar
5 040300 Kings Fling, A. Birch, 9-10-7 ...... J. Barlow 5
6 43-4000 Royal Gift, W. Wright, 10-10-0 ...... K. Gray
9-4 Willrae, 11-4 Cask and Glass, 100-30 Diamond Head, 9-2 Kings Fling, 10-1 Royal Gift.

3.30 MAKERFIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £772: 2m)
4 r0 Darrens Lad, B. Sayles, 5-11-12 ...... B. Sayles 7
5 0f0021 Meads Manor (D), J. Berry, 9-11-12 ...... S. Houlker 7
6 04120-0 Harry Churchills (D), D. McCain, 8-11-9 ...... R. Barry
7 0-40403 Jack Jiggs (D), B. Wise, 6-11-9 ...... J. Akehurst 7
8 20- Donawalk (D), A. Birch, 8-11-8 ...... J. Barlow 5
9 4-0f000 Dr Hines, O. O'Neill, 7-11-8 ...... Mr M. Caswell 7
11 0-0 Faro Up, W. A. Stephenson, 9-11-5 ...... Mr T. Dun 7
12 p13-000 Aureicate, J. Perrett, 10-11-4 ...... Lyn Griffiths
15 0-00 Playful Warrior (D), G. Hackling, 11-11-1 ...... J. Rowe 7
17 02-0030 Marsh Hey (D), J. Wilding, 7-11-1 ...... Mr M. Wilding 7
18 11f-04p Micky Acklam (D), W. Elsey, 8-11-1 ...... G. Holmes
19 0-00010 Limpopo (D), J. Berry, 6-11-0 ...... K. Gray
20 0-0 Clydebank (D), K. Stapleton, 9-10-11 ...... —
21 000-100 Proud Empire, P. Bevan, 7-10-11 ...... —
22 00-10 Galah Bird, C. Tinkler, 7-10-11 ...... N. Tinkler
23 10 High Lee (D), S. Norton, 4-10-10 ...... J. T. Bourke
24 0-00000 Cariquest, J. Gilbert, 6-10-9 ...... A. Webb 5
25 4200-f3 Irish Prince, J. Edwards, 5-10-9 ...... Mr J. Darlington 7
29 301230 Warwick Flyer (D), O. O'Neill, 7-10-6 ...... —
31 004-000 Knave of Hearts, M. Tate, 6-10-4 ...... R. Hyett
33 140004 Triple (D), W. Clay, 8-10-1 ...... N. Clay
34 0 Mary Joan, W. Whiston, 9-10-1 ...... P. Barry 5
35 000230- Apple (C,D), P. Bevan, 7-10-1 ...... —
36 208134 Frankly Yes (D), F. Barton, 5-10-1 ...... —
37 003000 Easby Saint, D. Chapman, 5-10-0 ...... —
38 000f0-0 Jockey, D. Lewis, 8-10-0 ...... —
4-1 Meads Manor, 5-1 Jack Jiggs, 11-2 Triple, 7-1 Harry Churchills, 8-1 Galah Bird, 10-1 Irish Prince, Micky Acklam, 12-1 Marsh Hey, Donawalk, 16-1 others.

Market Rasen programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

12.45 LINCOLN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,282: 3m)
3 020304 Slips (C), G. Vergette, 9-11-7 ...... P. Kelly
4 101f13 Brown Barman (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-7 .. G. Faulkner
6 23-0233 Lord Browndodd (D), P. Cundell, 10-11-4 .... M. O'Halloran
7 11u-p52 Posh Saree (D), D. Ancil, 8-11-1 ...... S. C. Knight
9 23-3141 Silkstone, S. Norton, 10-10-10 ...... G. Graham 3
10 2-24242 Supreme Sail (C), V. Thompson, 7-10-0 ...... Mr J. Walton
11 0f-33f0 Linarto, F. Coton, 7-10-0 ...... D. Sunderland
2-1 Lord Browndodd, 7-2 Brown Barman, 5-1 Slips, 6-1 Supreme Sail, 7-1 Silkstone, 8-1 Posh Saree, 16-1 Linarto.

1.15 GRIMSBY HURDLE (4-y-o: £503: 2m)
1 01 Lez (D), W. A. Stephenson, 11-10 ...... R. Collins
2 001223 Star Music (D), L. Furman, 11-10 ...... R. Goldstein 7
3 001 Swinging Safari (D), J. Edwards, 11-10 ...... S. Morshead
4 0 All Divine, G. Vergette, 11-0 ...... P. Kelly
5 4 Allyre, D. Underwood, 11-0 ...... J. Redmond 7
8 00 Courteenhall, M. Chapman, 11-0 ...... J. Kerly 7
10 Inca Princess (D), B. Cambidge, 11-0 ...... Mr J. Cambidge 7
11 000 Markdail, Mrs P. Sly, 11-0 ...... D. Sunderland
12 f0 Naval Victory, R. Hollinshead, 11-0 ...... C. Astbury
13 f Portomore, E. Carr, 11-0 ...... K. McCauley
14 002 Red Clip, J. Gilbert, 11-0 ...... S. O'Neill 5
15 0200 Romany Light, J. Leigh, 11-0 ...... J. Beaton 5
17 00 Titili, B. Richmond, 11-0 ...... M. O'Shea 5
18 43 Wayland Prince, M. H. Easterby, 11-0 ...... J. O'Neill
5-2 Wayland Prince, 7-2 Lez, 5-1 Swinging Safari, 6-1 Star Music, 7-1 Red Clip, 8-1 Allyre, 10-1 Romany Light, 14-1 others.

1.45 KNIGHT, FRANK AND RUTLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £875: 2m)
7 322021 Virginia Drive, D. Underwood, 6-11-5 ...... J. Redmond
9 002001 Saucy Dove, G. H. Price, 6-10-12 ...... Cecil Price
10 1-00 Shantogan, W. Musson, 5-10-10 ...... D. Goodwin
11 0f-3000 Creevelea (D), J. Harris, 7-10-10 ...... P. Tuck
13 030321 Master Thief (D), J. Welch, 7-10-5 ...... D. Coomer
14 00 Chan (D), T. Kersey, 6-10-0 ...... M. Murphy
15 20-0u00 Skiddy River, L. Furman, 5-10-0 ...... R. Goldstein
16 00fpp0- Gentle Rose (D), M. Chapman, 7-10-0 ...... J. Kerly
3-1 Saucy Dove, 3-1 Master Thief, 7-2 Virginia Drive, 6-1 Shantogan, 10-1 Creevelea, 12-1 Skiddy River, 16-1 others.

2.15 FURNITURE FACTORS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £865: 2m)
1 312132 Ireland's Owen (C-D), J. Edwards, 9-12-0 ...... J. O'Neill
3 1-03212 Nice Palm (C-D), M. Camacho, 10-11-2 ...... D. Greaves
4 11210f Stamad (C-D), E. Carr, 6-11-0 ...... K. McCauley
5 212222 The Sundance Kid (D), Thomson Jones, 11-10-6 S. Smith-Eccles
6 p4 Certainly John (D), S. Norton, 7-10-0 ...... G. Graham 5
7 p Go Solo, B. Richmond, 14-10-0 ...... P. Kelly
6-4 Ireland's Owen, 2-1 Nice Palm, 7-2 The Sundance Kid, 9-2 Stamad, 10-1 others.

2.45 JOE CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE (Qualifier: Handicap: £1,679: 3m)
1 40-d411 Tree Breeze (D), Miss S. Hall, 7-12-7 ...... D. Wilkinson 7
2 p111 Son and Heir (D), J. Edwards, 8-12-4 ...... J. O'Neill
3 000-112 Vimy Ridge, W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-0 ...... R. Collins
4 f-03203 Lord Greystokes, G. Richards, 7-11-12 ...... C. Brownless 3
7 00-2114 Good Job (C-D), J. Walls, 6-11-4 ...... A. Dickman
8 2-p4302 Earwell, W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-4 ...... Mr G. Deverill 7
9 330300 O'Conna, B. Cambidge, 5-11-1 ...... Mr J. Cambidge 7
9-4 Vimy Ridge, 11-4 Son and Heir, 4-1 Tree Breeze, 9-2 Good Job, 7-1 Lord Greystoke, 14-1 others.

3.15 SPALDING STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £839: 2m)
2 1f0023 Forest Guard (D), G. Richards, 7-11-10 .... Mr R. Page 5
3 a0-0030 Dalket, R. Wright, 13-11-5 ...... Miss J. Wright 7
4 uf Elfin Lady, Mrs J. French, 6-11-5 ...... Mrs S. French 7
5 10-0r04 Retaliation, V. Thompson, 8-11-5 ...... Mr J. Walton
7 020200 Spring Fling, Mrs J. Pitman, 6-11-5 ...... Mr J. Norman 7
8 00-pf0p Turasco, J. Spearing, 6-11-5 ...... Mr R. Woolley
9 Wild Silver, M. Daniell, 6-11-5 ...... —
2-5 Forest Guard, 4-1 Retaliation, 6-1 Spring Fling, 10-1 Dalket, 16-1 others.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Brown Barman. 1.15 Wayland Prince. 1.45 Master Thief. 2.15 Nice Palm. 2.45 Vimy Ridge. 3.15 Forest Guard.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 The Sundance Kid.

Sandown Park results

12.45 (12.47) METROPOLITAN HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £770: 2m)
Mount Tallant, b g, by Allangrange—Semislipper (D. O'Rourke) 5-11-0 .... J. Francome (4-9) 1
Straight Jocelyn, H. J. Evans (5-1) 2
Legal Branch, R. Champion (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Festival Hall, 33-1 Masterful, Straight Arrow (p), 50-1 Case Study (4th), Trench, Turenne's Last. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 11p; places, 11p, 15p, 18p; Dual Forecast, 16p. F. Winter, at Lambourn. 2½l, 4l.

1.15 (1.17) STANLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,078: 3m 115yd)
Fjord, ch g, by Prince of Norway—Blue Samantha (Major J. Urquhart) 8-10-4
Maj R. Faulkner (5-2) 1
Pacify .... Mr J. Moule (11-4) 2
Sea Swell Mr N. Henderson (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Capuchin (4th), 16-1 Moon Trip, 20-1 Ballyhoura Hill, 33-1 Coolaru. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 22p, 17p; Dual Forecast, 41p. C. Bewicke, at Didcot. 4l, 10l.

1.45 (1.47) LONDESBOROUGH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,542: 2½m)
Commandant, b g, by Nolcius—Silk Tabar (A. Tenty) 6-11-1
R. Linley (11-10 fav) 1
Sycamore .. R. Champion (11-4) 2
I'm Smart .... A. Webber (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Tip The Wink, 10-1 April Seventh (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; Dual Forecast, 18p. G. Balding, at Weyhill. 2½l, 4l.

2.15 (2.20) CARDINAL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,086: 2m 5f 75yd)
Ardlair, b g, by Little Buskins—Grand View (W. Whitbread), 7-11-4 .... H. J. Evans (12-1) 1
Genovese ...... R. Linley (8-1) 2
Hay Bridge .... J. Smith (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Linsky (4th), 6-1 Brief Chance, 13-2 Steadfast Jac, 10-1 Merry Kerry, 12-1 Princess Arcade, Rolomar Boy, 13-1 Rushmere, 16-1 Gay Signal, Mister Tack (f), 20-1 In Vision, Heggilan, St Gawain, 25-1 Longacre, 33-1 Miss Melita. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 87p; places, 25p, 14p, 27p, [illegible]. R. Armytage, East Ilsley. 3l, 1½l.

2.45 (2.51) MOLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,564: 2m)
Raimatal, br g, by Taj Dewan-Radio Controller (M. Barrett), 7-10-0
G. Thorner (33-1) 1
Skryne .... J. King (4-7) 2
Socket ...... R. Rowell (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Hill Top (p), 33-1 Our Arthur (u). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.08; dual forecast, 69p; M. Haynes, Epsom. Sh hd, 12l.

3.15 (3.19) METROPOLITAN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £781: 2m)
Explorateur, br g, by Arctic Explorer—Canta (J. McCarthy), 9-11-2
P. Blacker (11-8 fav) 1
Main Chance .... R. Linley (4-1) 2
Tudor Mystery R. Goldstein (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Valarion, 8-1 Simon Slingsby, 10-1 Tallon, 20-1 Fearless Boy, Findon Lad, Gay Season, Langford Boy (f), London Glory, 25-1 Better Than Ever (4th), 33-1 Frosted Glass, Golden Breeze. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 11p, 15p, 16p; dual forecast, 48p; S. Mellor, Lambourn. 8l, 2½l.
Prindowa did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Commandant, Raimatal, £71.20. TREBLE: Fjord, Ardlair, Explorateur, £216.50. Jackpot not won. Guaranteed pool today £3,000.

Haydock Park

1.0 (1.4) BOLTON HURDLE (£678: 2m)
Gala Lad, ch g, by Gala Performance—Land of Baldric II (S. Griffiths), 4-10-9
N. Tinkler (4-7 fav) 1
Nampara Cove .. T. Jenkins (7-1) 2
Priestcroft Star R. Earnshaw (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Golden Murry (4th), 10-1 Waveland, 18-1 Roaming Minstrel, 20-1 Markham Lady, 25-1 Bargillean, Swift Hall, Solecism, 33-1 For Hire, Royal Kashmir. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 10p; places, 11p, 15p, £4.70; dual forecast, 25p. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 12l, 4l. Nemon did not run. Winner bought in for 2,300 guineas.

1.30 (1.32) WARRINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £677: 3m)
Siobara, b g, by Fleece—Penwy (M. Doran), 8-11-5
P. A. Charlton (2-1) 1
Yachtsman .. A. K. Taylor (10-1) 2
Benevolence ...... N. Clay (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Castor (4th), 11-2 Lewis, 14-1 In View, 16-1 Yes Yes Yes, 25-1 Amber Call (f), 33-1 Civil List, Kailash, 50-1 Spring Stone. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 17p, £1.07, 25p; dual forecast £14.55. W. Haigh, at Malton. Nk, 1l.

2.0 (2.1) GAMEKEEPERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,200: 2m)
True Wish, b g, by Three Wishes—Short Shrift (E. Murphy) (nm), 6-12-1 M. Dickinson (10-11 fav) 1
Johns Knapp .... C. Smith (11-1) 2
Fidler On The Hoof R. Barry (15-8) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-1 Bright Fergus (f), 12-1 Mr Pippins, 14-1 Cartwright (4th). 6 ran.
TOTE Win, 17p; places, 15p, 71p; dual forecast, £1 [illegible]. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 6l, 2l.

2.3 (2.35) WHITE LODGE HURDLE (Handicap: £776: 2½m)
Breeze Wagon, b h, by Firestreak—Immortelle (Mrs W. Sykes), 5-10-5 Mr E. Woods (3-1 fav) 1
Pearl .... Mr J. Butchard (9-4) 2
Four Ten .... Mr F. Bulgin (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Justdance, 11-1 Royal Ballis, 14-1 Foxy Fanny, 10-1 Spiffing, 25-1 Lucky Mate (4th), Deep Mystery, 33-1 Java Fox, 66-1 Noble Senator (p), Armed Robbery, Palesta. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 23p, 11p, 15p; dual forecast, 73p. T. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 1½l, 2½l.

3.0 (3.4) EARLESTOWN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £921: 3m)
Prince Maythorn, b g, by Probably by Pampered King—Alice Maythorn (B. Ullcer), 8-11-5
R. Mangan (9-4) 1
Hal's Slave .. G. Faulkner (5-1) 2
Silent Comfort .. R. Barry (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Billet Doux II (f), 7-1 Cossak Prince (4th), 12-1 Evening Frolic, 16-1 Start Anew (u), 50-1 Our Jimmy. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 15p, 11p, 25p; dual forecast, 77p. D. Nicholson, at Stow-on-the-Wold. 2l, 12l.

3.30 (3.34) BIRCHFIELD HURDLE (Novices: £665: 2m)
Timoshenko, b g, by Tiepolo II—Doubtful Nelly (Mrs C. Smith), 6-11-0 C. Tinkler (8-11 fav) 1
Saintly Sorrel .. R. Collins (6-1) 2
No Reflection .. J. Jenkins (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Mr Dram (4th), 12-1 Wickwell, 14-1 Delaware Bay, 25-1 Alanrod, 50-1 Troops Tale, 100-1 Red Hawthorn (p). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places, 11p, 21n, 38p; dual forecast, 57p. T. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 5l, 2l.
TOTE DOUBLE: True Wish and Prince Maythorn, £6.55. TREBLE: Siobara, Breeze Wagon and Timoshenko, £3.67. JACKPOT: £140.00. PLACEPOT: £3.85.

Worcestershire sign Watson

Worcestershire have agreed terms with Greg Watson, a 19-year-old Australian right arm fast medium bowler, currently playing for New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield Series. Watson was a member of the Australian Old Collegians team that toured the Midlands, playing club sides last summer.

Oldham take two

Oldham Rugby League Club yesterday plucked an 18-year-old second row forward, Paul Jewitt, from local amateur football and signed on trial Christopher Charles, St Helens' Welsh prop forward, on the transfer list at £1,500.

Mr Softy dies

Mr Softy, one of Britain's former top show jumpers, has died. The world famous 26-year-old chestnut gelding, owned by John Masarella, was bought for £300 at the Dublin horse sales. In the early 1960s he won three European championships

Swimming

Girl puts her country back on world map

Brisbane, Jan 6.—Michelle Ford, aged 15, put Australia back on the world swimming map by breaking the women's 800 metres free-style record at an international meeting here tonight. She recorded 8 min 34.86 sec, bettering the old mark of 8 min 35.04 sec set by Petra Thumer, of East Germany, in Leipzig last July.

She finished four metres ahead of a fellow Australian, Tracey Wickham, who took 8 min 35.19 sec, which also bettered Miss Ford's previous Australian record. Annelies Mass, of the Netherlands, was third in 9 min 11.29 sec.

Miss Ford, a Sydney schoolgirl who has spent a year training in California, also broke the Australian record with 2 min 14.66 sec in the 200 metres butterfly, bettering her old time of 2 min 16.55 sec to cap a successful night for the Australians, who are out to reassert themselves as a world force in swimming.

Six Australian records were broken tonight, two of them by Enith Brigitha, of the Netherlands. She set records for the women's 100 metres and 200 metres free-style. She was timed at 2 min 03.16 sec in the 200 metres, outclassing Rosemary Brown and Sonya Gray, of Queensland, before returning to the pool to defeat the two Australians in the 100 metres free-style with a time of 58.19 sec.

In the women's 200 metres backstroke Glenda Robertson, of Queensland, led all the way to set an Australian record of 2 min 16.60 sec, which elevated her to sixth in the world. Lindsay Specer, of Queensland, smashed the Australian men's 200 metres breastroke record with 2 min 26.99 sec, and Mark Towelli capped a strong night for the Australians with wins in the men's 100 metres free-style and 100 metres backstroke.

Badminton

Dismal start by England in Swedish event

Stockholm, Jan 6.—England started badly in the Swedish open badminton championships here last night, losing five out of six players in the first round of the women's singles. Only Jane Webster survived. She won an undemanding contest 11—2, 11—3, against Kristina Rasmussen, of Denmark.

One of the big surprises of the opening night was the 11—6, 11—4 victory by Lena Axelsson, a 15-year-old Swedish girl, over Barbara Sutton, of England.

MEN'S SINGLES: M. Frost (Denmark) beat P. Bullivant (England), 15—5, 15—5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: L. Axelsson (Sweden) beat B. Sutton (England), 11—6, 11—4; M. Hidder (Netherlands) beat N. Perry (England), 11—4, 11—4; K. Lindqvist (Sweden) beat S. Whittacker (England), 11—8, 11—3; P. Nielson (Denmark) beat P. Kilvington (England), 7—11, 11—7, 11—3; J. Webster (England) beat K. Rasmussen (Norway), 11—2, 11—3; M. Christensen (Denmark) beat [illegible] (England), 11—5, 2—11, 12—11.—Reuter.

Yachting

Easy win for Hargreaves in moth championship

Brisbane, Jan 6.—Richard Hargreaves, of Britain, piloted his revolutionary skiff, Easy Come Easy Go, to a convincing win in the third race of the world Moth sailing championship in Waterloo Bay off here today. Hargreaves, revelling in the light easterly breeze, drew away from the Australian boat Snubby, skippered by Peter Moor, a former world champion, to win by 65 seconds—the biggest victory of the series so far.

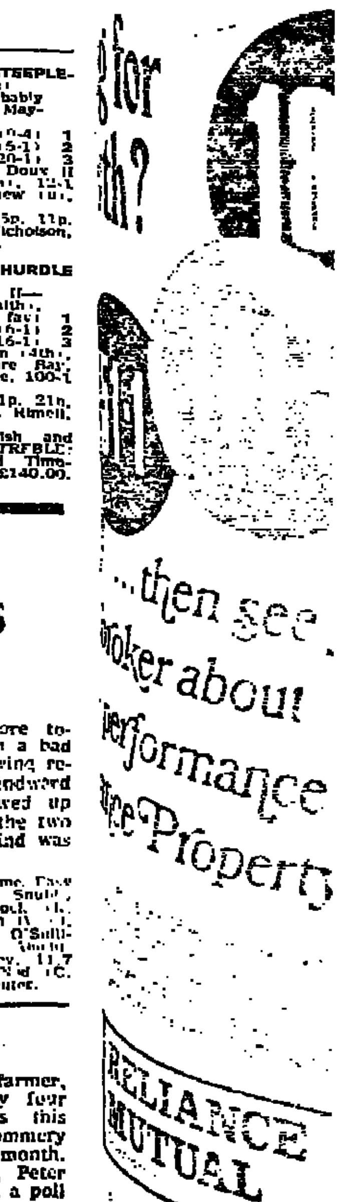
To complete a good day for Britain, John Claridge's Magnum IV came in fourth, having contested the lead with Hargreaves over the second windward leg. But the Australians are still well on top overall, with Snubby now 1.3 points ahead of Robert O'Sullivan's Gidget, which finished fifth today.

Gidget, the leader before today's race, recovered from a bad start, with O'Sullivan showing remarkable skill on the windward beats. But the boat showed up less impressively than in the two earlier heats, when the wind was fresher.

THIRD RACE: 1, Easy Come Easy Go (R. Hargreaves, GB); 2, Snubby (P. Moor, Australia); 3, Rock (L. Collin, Australia); 4, Magnum IV (J. Claridge, GB); 5, Gidget (R. O'Sullivan, Australia); 6, Isis (G. [illegible], Australia). Overall: 1, Snubby, 11.7 pts; 2, Gidget, 13; 3, Red [illegible] (C. Burton, Australia), 36.7.—Reuter.

Award for Dixon

John Dixon, a Cumbrian farmer, who has trained his only four horses to win nine races this season, has been voted Pommery Champagne trainer of the month. Dixon beat Toby Balding, Peter Cundell and Derek Kent in a poll of leading racing journalists.



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THE TIMES
BUSINESS NEWS

Edwardes call for union talks on reorganization at Leyland

By Edward Townsend

Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, who faces persistent speculation about the future of Leyland Cars and the effect of another top level resignation, yesterday announced a series of union consultation meetings, beginning next week. He pledged that all workers would be kept fully informed of major decisions.

In a message to Leyland Cars workers he said he hoped to put the 1978 "action plans" for the car company to a full participation conference early in February. At the same time he stressed that the debate with employee representatives could not be prolonged and warned all workers only to rely on information issued by the company.

In his message, his first major public statement since taking on the chairmanship in September last year, Mr Edwardes strongly reacted to reports about the future of the Mini replacement and of some plants, particularly the strike-bit Speke factory at Liverpool.

He said that many statements made by the media about British Leyland would seem to come from uninformed sources "and an excellent example of this was the mischievous reference to a decision having been made to close certain plants or locations. No such closures have yet been decided upon."

Mr Edwardes also disclosed that the group's new advisory board, including Mr Alex Park and Mr Derek Whittaker both of whom have resigned, had arrived at "various tentative but unanimous conclusions" about the future of Leyland Cars.

But he gave four reasons why no decisions could be made at present on organization or on investment policy.

Consultation on organization was expected to begin next week followed by consultation on other major questions, including manning and the future of plants, during the second half of the month.

The BL board would not be asked to approve the group's corporate plan until early in February and the plan would not go to the National Enterprise Board and the government before mid-February.

During the period of consultation no statements were expected to be issued to the media "for the internal debate is the private business of employee representatives and management". The next formal statement would come at the time of the participation conference.

"In the meantime you can rest assured that your representatives will be consulted on major decisions which affect you. The only information upon which you can rely is that issued by the company."

Mr Edwardes said the company was reviewing policy to ensure that capital spent on new models was well spent. This would involve modification to certain existing programmes including the modified ADO88 (Mini replacement) programme.

Unions' protest: Three British Leyland white collar unions yesterday deplored Mr Whittaker's resignation. The unions said on behalf of their joint 18,000 staff members in Leyland Cars, that his resignation was taken as "further confirmation of basic differences" between executive management and Mr Edwardes.

The three unions are the technical and supervisory staff section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers; the Association of Technical, Scientific and Managerial Staffs; and the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff. They said they condemned the climate into which Leyland Cars had been pushed by the silence surrounding Mr Edwardes' examination of it.

They reaffirmed their determination to oppose any reorganization aimed at diminishing Leyland Cars' activities, reducing jobs or hiving off parts of the company.

Peace talks adjourn: Discussions aimed at ending the eight-week strike over manning at the Speke, Liverpool plant, were adjourned last night. Both sides agreed to consider proposals which had emerged during the day. The dispute involves 1,800, with another 3,000 laid off at Speke and Canley.

Plan to split group led to Whittaker resignation

By Clifford Webb

A last minute decision to redesign British Leyland's controversial new Mini played no part in the sudden resignation of Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of Leyland Cars, it was learnt last night.

Mr Whittaker ordered the work to commence several months before Mr Michael Edwardes was appointed group chairman. If as expected the full British Leyland board and the National Enterprise Board give the go ahead for the new, larger Mini to be put into production they will in effect be backing Mr Whittaker.

The split between the two men began soon after Mr Edwardes took office on September 1. He made it clear from the outset that he saw no future for the struggling cars company in its present set-up and was determined to break it into smaller, more manageable and more easily accountable units.

If the intention had been to create subsidiaries controlled by a central Leyland Cars board headed by Mr Whittaker he would have been prepared to continue. However, the proposed creation of three quite independent car companies—probably volume cars, specialist cars and parts—would have effectively demoted him to the post of chief executive in one of these.

As such he would have been on equal footing with Mr Ray Horrocks, the Eaton executive recruited by Mr Edwardes and generally believed to be earmarked for the top job in one of the proposed new companies.

It is now known that Mr Whittaker offered his resignation early in December at about the same time as Mr Alex Park.

Further resignations cannot be ruled out. Mr Whittaker has won the respect and loyalty of his management team by total consistency in the face of labour disputes and his determination in resisting pressures from his political masters.

At least one close colleague is known to be considering his resignation, although Mr Whittaker has urged him to stay.

The furore which this latest resignation has created in an already demoralized company was not helped by the wording of Mr Edwardes's announcement of Mr Whittaker's departure. By suggesting that Mr Whittaker gave his general support to the current reorganization it was at variance with Mr Whittaker's own views as expressed to colleagues.

Mr Edwardes's statement said: "Early in December Derek Whittaker indicated to me that he would like to broaden his industrial experience and take a job outside Leyland. We agreed that he would not leave Leyland Cars until January 31. Over the past three years Derek has had what some would regard as the unenviable task of having to wrestle with a host of formidable problems.

"Unfortunately even the successes like the Rover car of the year—to name but one—have been overshadowed by the very real difficulties which continue to face the cars company.

"Derek is being closely involved in the current reorganization of British Leyland and the options now being looked at for cars reflect much of his thinking and have his general support."

Move to higher interest levels encourages the dollar on foreign exchanges

Citibank raises prime rate to 8pc

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Jan 6

Citibank, the second largest bank in the United States, today raised its prime commercial lending rate to 8 per cent from 7¼ per cent.

The announcement had a modest, but positive effect on the dollar in the foreign exchange markets, but the New York Federal Reserve Bank continued to intervene in the currency markets.

Both Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve System and Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, will be attending the central bankers' meetings starting this weekend at the Bank for International Settlements. Central banking coordination of exchange market intervention strategies and coordination of monetary policies will be top items on the agenda.

The Citibank move, the first it has initiated since October 21, and which takes American prime rate to its highest level in 27 months, reflects recent increases in commercial paper rates caused by seasonal factors rather than by any tightening of Fed monetary policies.

Dr Burns is likely to tell his central banking friends in Basle that, despite the Citibank move, interest rates are likely to remain around current levels for the time being.

Numerous central bankers have long held the view that firmer American monetary policies resulting in higher interest rate levels could prove to be a more effective means of bolstering the dollar than direct Fed intervention in the exchange markets. But Dr Burns is likely to resist any pressures that may surface in Basle to commit the Fed to firmer policies

In New York several bankers stressed today that the Citibank increase was of marginal significance to the dollar's strength in the currency markets at present, and it would take a much larger and inconceivable rise in interest rates to encourage a significant increase in capital flows to this country.

They added that the latest figures, issued by the Fed last night, showed that, despite modest increases in the last statement week, money supply is now growing at levels in line with the Fed's medium-term objectives—M1 over the past three months has increased at an annual rate of 5.6 per cent, with M2 having advanced by 6.6 per cent.

Foreign exchange dealers point out that coordination between the New York Fed and foreign central banks has not been ideal in the currency markets lately and the Fed probably made a tactical mistake yesterday in attempting to hold the dollar-Deutsche mark rate at about DM 2.15.

Both the Carter Administration and the Fed appear to consider that the events of the past 10 days have pushed the dollar down too far in terms of the Deutsche mark, and apart from a determination to defend the dollar by modest market intervention, little more can be done immediately.

The Treasury and the Fed believe that the successful outcome of trade negotiations with Japan in Tokyo next week, combined with swift passage of an energy Bill by Congress, can revive international confidence in the dollar.

Wall Street slumps to lowest level for over two years

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Jan 6

The Dow Jones industrial share price average fell by well over 30 points in the first week of 1978 to close today at its lowest level since early October of 1975. The Dow index ended today's session down 11.43 points at 793.49, which compares with the closing level last Friday of 831.17.

There was fairly heavy trading on the New York Stock Exchange with a volume today of just over 26 million shares, but brokers on Wall Street stated that with scant good news around the sellers were strongly in the majority and there appeared to be no sign of a revival in buying interest.

However, some brokers said that the decline this week had been so sharp that there might be a modest technical rally early next week.

There is no single, or even obvious cause, to the fall in the stock markets, although today's declines were sparked by Citibank's announcement of a prime rate rise to 8 per cent. They were reinforced by some modest further declines in the value of the dollar in terms of other leading foreign currencies.

Weakness of the dollar is tending right now to influence the United States securities markets as fears increase that foreign purchases will decline. Some selling by foreigners has been registered recently.

Renewed strength of the dollar, triggering increased foreign investment here, could revive the securities markets, according to numerous brokers and Wall Street commentators.

There are many factors, quite apart from the dollar, that appear to be making investors nervous.

The New York State Governor has just announced big tax cuts and, with the prospect of high deficits in the state and in the city of New York, there is some fear of another fiscal crisis emerging later this year.

American car sales have also fallen quite sharply in the last few weeks, which have tended to make some analysts sceptical about the general strength of consumer demand, despite good Christmas sales by leading American stores.

Fundamentally there is concern about Federal Reserve policies and it is unlikely that Mr William Miller, the prospective Fed chairman, will outline his aims and views in detail before his confirmation hearings that are scheduled for later this month.

There are also fears that the Congress and the Administration will move to much easier fiscal policies in this election year and so set the stage for higher inflation.

Finally, there is some institutional nervousness evident ahead of announcements that are likely within the next four weeks by the Securities and Exchange Commission on the restructuring of the securities industry.

Big brewers notify price rises

By Patricia Tisdall

At least two of the big brewery companies have now submitted notifications to increase the price of beer to the Price Commission, and others said yesterday that they expect to have to do so shortly.

The brewers' move to raise prices after a pause of more than six months came after a meeting with Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, last month, where it was agreed that frequent price increases were undesirable.

Mr Hattersley said that given the fall in inflation rates, he saw no reason why prices should be raised more often than once a year.

The brewers have refused to commit themselves to a 12-month price freeze but are attempting to ensure that the increase which is imminent lasts as long as possible.

Among the companies whose notifications for increases are already before the Price Commission is Scottish & Newcastle.

Courage, Whitbread and Watney-Truman said last night that although they had not yet asked for price rises they expected to do so within the next few weeks. Bass Charrington and Guinness also indicated that they expected to have to raise prices soon.

Further meetings on Swan Hunter ban

Private meetings between Swan Hunter management and union officials took place yesterday in an attempt to end the overtime ban by 1,700 outfitting workers which has endangered a four-ship £52m contract with Poland.

Following discussions earlier this week, a further meeting of outfitters was scheduled to take place yesterday, but was postponed at the management's request and is expected to take place on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Later Mr George Arnold, chairman of the Tyneside Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, had private talks with officials of Swan Hunter. The outfitters have refused to call off their ban and provide the guarantees of co-operation needed because of the tight delivery schedule on the ships. The overtime ban is in support of a pay claim.

In brief



Mr Leslie Pincott, whose retirement as managing director of Esso Petroleum was announced yesterday. His successor is expected to be named shortly. Mr Pincott, who is 55, will leave the company at the end of March.

Fords dearer today

Ford is to raise the price of its cars by an average of 4.8 per cent from today, the company announced yesterday. The rise is the first for almost six months, showing that there has been a significant shift away from the previous policy of United Kingdom manufacturers to raise prices every three months. Last year Ford prices went up 20 per cent in three moves. The cheapest Ford, the Escort Popular, will cost £2,122.

Dutch £40m for Volvo

Holland is to invest some £40m in the Dutch Volvo subsidiary. This plant belonged to the former DAF company where the DAF-designed Volvo 66 and 343 are manufactured. It employs some 5,300 people at Born.

Cavenham deal to avert double tax

By Richard Allen

Sir James Goldsmith's Générale Occidentale group is to buy the French assets of its now wholly-owned Cavenham subsidiary in a move to avoid double taxation.

The net consideration will be about £31m to be satisfied by the transfer to Cavenham of secured loan stock 1982 of Générale Occidentale Ltd.

Dependent on United Kingdom, French and Dutch governmental consents, the deal is designed to avoid a double imposition of withholding tax on dividends paid by Cavenham's French subsidiaries to Cavenham and in turn by Cavenham to Générale Occidentale.

Under the scheme Cavenham will sell shares in its Générale Alimentaire subsidiary to GO at book value which represents the price originally paid plus retained earnings.

At the same time Cavenham will acquire from GO its holdings outside France, particularly in Sweden, Austria and Spain.

Düsseldorf banker's exit makes late news

An official news blackout about the sudden resignation on December 23 of Dr Ludwig Poullain, former chief executive of the Westdeutsche Landesbank Gironzentrale, was lifted yesterday.

Professor Friedrich Halstenberg, the Finance Minister of the state of North Rhine Westphalia and a member of the bank's supervisory board, confirmed at a press conference in Düsseldorf that Dr Poullain resigned as a result of his acting as a paid consultant for a south German financial broker by the name of Herr Franz Josef Schmidt.

Dr Poullain's involvement with Herr Schmidt came to light when the public prosecutor's office in Stuttgart found a receipt for DM1m signed by Dr Poullain. The receipt, dated May 1, 1972, was discovered in the course of investigations into the collapse in April 1976 of the Ratio-Bau building group, which Herr Schmidt is alleged to have controlled.

Professor Halstenberg said yesterday that the public prosecutor's office in Bielefeld, which is responsible for Dr Poullain's home town of Münster, was investigating the position of Dr Poullain.

The minister told a press conference that the Westdeutsche Landsbank had lent money for Herr Schmidt's business interests and had provided funds and guarantees totalling DM3m to free the financier from investigative custody after the collapse of the Ratio-Bau group.

As chief representative of the state of North Rhine Westphalia in the bank's supervisory council, the professor also questioned whether the exercise of an external consultancy agreement was compatible with what he considered to be the quasi official status of the chief executive of a partially state controlled bank such as the Westdeutsche Landesbank.

On December 23, Dr Poullain said that he "was and is convinced" that the advisory function he had carried out "did not contravene his contract of appointment" at the bank.

At that time the supervisory council and Dr Poullain agreed to maintain silence on the details of the affair.

Yesterday Professor Halstenberg said the supervisory council had decided to break the silence against Dr Poullain's wishes. A "rectification and comprehensive exposition of the facts were in the public interest", as details had leaked out through unauthorized channels since the resignation that were only partially correct.

His resignation was offered and accepted to protect the bank, which had, he said, suffered no damage.

After the press conference, the bank issued a brief statement saying that there was no connexion between Dr Poullain's consultancy agreement and the credits granted to Herr Schmidt.

Peter Norman

Halewood dispute poses big threat to Ford output

By R. W. Shakespeare

A strike by 1,000 press shop workers at Ford's Merseyside plant, due to start on Monday morning, could stop all car production there within 48 hours, and make several thousand more workers idle, a company spokesman said last night.

The strike at the Halewood, Liverpool, plant centres on manning arrangements in the press shop, and it means a setback to Ford's hopes for increased production levels for its top-selling Escort range.

Shopfloor agreements concluded during last year saw Ford ending 1977 with some of the highest output levels yet achieved at Halewood.

The company had intended to see its target of 1,000 vehicles a day met consistently during this year, and has planned increased overtime working to keep the Merseyside plant at peak output.

The present trouble in the press shops arises out of demands by shopfloor leaders for more frequent rotation of jobs so that men would be changing their work each hour during a shift.

The Ford spokesman said the management's view was that this arrangement would be impracticable and would inevitably affect efficiency and quality.

Crown Agents report 'year of record demand'

The Crown Agents, whose losses of more than £200m led to strong criticism from an official inquiry team a month ago, said yesterday they expected 1977 to have been a year of record demand for their services.

Mr Sidney Eburne, managing director, said: "This increase has been particularly welcome to us as it reflects the confidence our principals place in us, and their awareness that the past losses occurred only in former 'own account' activities.

"In the past three years we have made certain that losses of this kind can never occur again.

Market looking for Pontin's counterbid

By Ray Maughan

The stock market was looking for a counter-bidder to emerge yesterday after Coral's £52.5m bid for Pontin's on Thursday.

All the arguments for the entry of a third party centred on the fact that the holiday camp board can speak for only about 7 per cent of the equity; that irrevocable acceptances have not been granted and that Coral's bid—seemingly generous in terms of prospective earnings—may not look overpriced on asset considerations.

As the bid was announced it effectively valued Pontin's at 46p per share. But the high replacement cost of the holiday villages in Britain and the potential worth of the group's land bank in the South of France have prompted external estimates of 50p asset backing per share.

If those calculations are correct, a counter-bidder should enjoy reasonable flexibility with which to offer a premium to Coral's cash and paper bid.

But the arguments against the emergence of another interested party seem, if anything, somewhat stronger. First, Sir Fred Pontin, the group's chairman and managing director, is understood to have approached Coral in the first place and his preferences, if not backed by a commanding equity stake, would probably hold considerable sway in deciding the issue.

Secondly, Coral's shares kept on dropping yesterday and at 128p—down a further 6p—the offer is worth only about 44p. Against this, Pontin's came back from suspension at 45p so the market is not running very far ahead of Coral's proposals.

Lastly, the list of potential bidders was unanimous in denying any interest in Pontin's. They include Rank Organisation, Thomson Holidays, Allied Breweries, Trust Houses Forte and Imperial Group.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 208.15+0.75
The FT index: 497.3+2.8

Rises

AP Cement	6p to 272p	Pontins	7p to 45p
Elyvoors	11p to 297p	Paterson Zoch	10p to 230p
Courtaulds	3p to 119p	Raglan Prop	4p to 44p
E Rand Prop	10p to 326p	Rio Tinto	3p to 187p
Harmony	16p to 339p	Tiger Oats	20p to 470p
Horizon Midland	10p to 90p	UC Invest	10p to 200p
ICL	10p to 244p	Wankie Coll	5p to 38p
Kloof	26p to 447p	Welkom	18p to 202p
Kinross	24p to 307p	Winkelhaak	35p to 555p
Lucas	10p to 286p	Whittingham, W.	4p to 33p

Falls

Assoc Leisure	31p to 56½p	Fodens	5p to 55p
EP	20p to 84½p	Ladbroke	4p to 210p
Coral Leisure	7p to 128p	Rank	6p to 258p
Durban Rood	35p to 255p	Shell	5p to 525p

Equities edged ahead.
Gilt-edged securities recouped early losses.
Dollar premium: 68.75 per cent (effective rate 23.31 per cent).
Sterling gained 4.20 cents to $1.9300. The effective exchange rate index was 65.3.

Gold gained $3.75 to $169.875.

SDR-$ was 1.20822 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.635237.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1419.8 (previous 1419.3).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.73	1.67
Austria Sch	30.75	28.75
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.50
Canada $	2.12	2.07
Denmark Kr	11.50	11.10
Finland Mkk	7.90	7.65
France Fr	9.27	8.95
Germany Dm	4.26	4.04
Greece Dr	80.00	76.50
Hongkong $	9.10	8.65
Italy Lr	1720.00	1645.00
Japan Yn	480.00	455.00
Netherlands Gld	4.57	4.35
Norway Kr	10.21	9.87
Portugal Esc	89.75	83.75
S Africa Rd	2.03	1.90
Spain Pes	163.25	157.25
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.90
Switzerland Fr	4.06	3.84
US $	1.94	1.89
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	37.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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American vote avoids inquiry on Europe steel

Washington, Jan 6.—America's International Trade Commission by a 4-to-1 vote today decided against ordering an investigation into steel imports from western Europe.

The government panel was urged earlier by some of its staff members to go-ahead with the controversial investigation of charges that about 40 steel producers in several western European countries had been engaged in price-fixing and other types of unfair import.

In an unusual move, the ITC made public last month various staff documents prepared to support the charges.

The American Treasury was expected to decide soon how to proceed with an investigation into steel shipments from Japan.

Previously, the Treasury had issued a tentative ruling that Japanese steelmakers were violating the Anti-Dumping Act.

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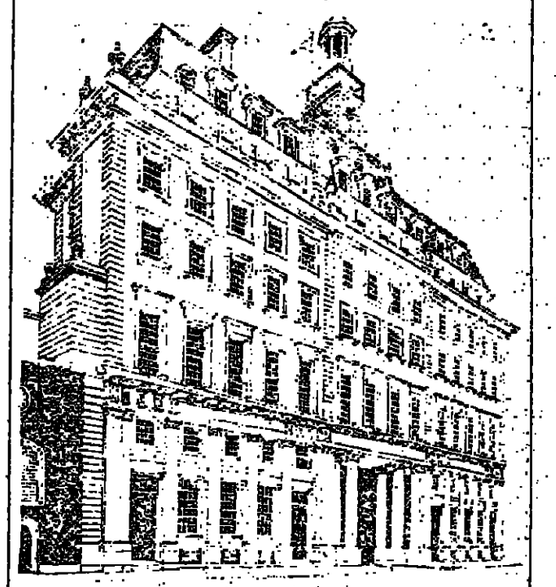
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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

When taking out insurance the onus is on the proposer to disclose all the information the insurer might consider material to the assessment of the risk—even though the layman may have little clue what such information would be.

In October, for example, it was held that a man's insurance claim for a home destroyed by fire was void because he had not disclosed a 14-year-old conviction for robbery. It was held immaterial that he had not been asked about past convictions.

The insurance companies are slowly revising their proposal forms to comply with the Statement of Insurance Practice which provides that in future there will be some guidance and warnings about the consequences of withholding information on the forms.

Matters the insurance companies have generally found material in assessing risks are also to be the subject of clear questions to be answered.

Insurance companies still will be able to repudiate liability where knowledge of a withheld fact would have influenced their calculations. On a policy with a personal accident element, for example, a claim for fire, robbery or loss might be voided because the proposer had neglected to disclose some detail of his past health record.

As it happens, the new statement of practice would have made no difference in last October's case. Like thousands of others, the policyholder involved had never even set eyes on an insurance proposal form, because his insurance was arranged for him by his building society through their block policy.

The questions building societies put to mortgagors for whom they are arranging insurance vary, but often probe no further into moral character than a general request for "other information" which might be taken into consideration.

The insurance companies' efforts to minimize the possibilities of hard cases caused by their need to protect themselves against fraud cannot be fully effective while block policy business is conducted on less careful lines than the issuing of policies direct.

Investor's week

Equities and gilts off to a good start

The fluctuating fortunes of the pound had equities and gilts dancing to a merry tune in this the first account of the new year.

Government securities in particular were in fine form at the beginning of the week as sterling climbed nearer the magical two dollar level but as the pound fell back, the spotlight was turned on to equities.

Moves to bolster the dollar brought export-orientated index stocks out from the shadows and Thursday's trading was the best seen on the Stock Exchange for over two months.

But on Tuesday the story was somewhat different. There were few bargains marked and most of what action there was centred around gold shares. As the price of bullion climbed steadily, ahead of the IMF gold auction, it took the gold stocks up with it leaving some of the heavyweights as much as £1 better on the day.

And as the crowds fought their way into the winter sales the buyers came forward to put some life into the stores sector. House of Fraser, Suits, British Home Stores and Debenhams all benefited from the increased activity.

The strengthening pound took its toll of the big overseas earners such as Beecham, ICI, Glaxo and Unilever but left Horizon Midland, and Warner Holidays better on the prospects of cheaper trips abroad.

Speculative interest was attracted into such stocks as Textured Jersey, Manganese Bronze and Allebone as investors digested the new year press tips.

A further hike in sterling gave holiday groups a boost on Wednesday while hopes of a drop in interest rates—borne out by Friday's ¼ point cut in the minimum lending rate to 6½ per cent—gave properties their best day for months.

Gilts fell back slightly as speculators took their profits and the "short" tap ran out. Prospects of a new tap stock, which in the event did not materialize, left both the short and longer end of the market below overnight levels.

But, with the buyers back in the market on Thursday, leaders managed gains of up to 12p. The weaker pound and hopes that the firemen's strike was nearing the end fuelled an upsurge in "blue chips", engineers, insurance brokers and banks.

Many second liners benefited from the renewed interest though Ratners, which had climbed steadily through the week ahead of interim results, fell back as profits failed to meet expectations.

Business in the second line issues remained good to the end of the week while the news of the MLR cut and the absence of a new tap stock on Friday brought a recovery in gilts.

Early losses were halved leaving some stocks around ¼ easier at the close.

Barclays decision to cut their base rate by 1 per cent wiped out previous bank rises.

Bid feature of the week was the Coral Leisure offer for Pontins, the holiday camps group, advertised personally by chairman Sir Fred Pontin. Although the market was looking for a tussle over the group a strong denial statement from Ladbroke, tipped at one point as the most obvious rival, reduced a 7p fall in its share price to 4p. Ladbroke finished the week at 210p while Pontins, which had been suspended at 38p pending the bid news, closed well above the Coral offer price at 45p.

Following terms from Associated Cement, BCA returned at 130p, 87p above the suspension price while Harcros Investment moved ahead on news of the terms from Harrisons & Crossfield.

Over the week the *FT* index climbed 11.9 points to 497.3.

Alison Mitchell

Rises

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Movement	Comment
276p	128p	Rank	17p to 258p	Raised estimates of bid hopes
180p	86p	J. Stocks	23p to 173p	Speculative interest
210p	90p	B. Sunley	24p to 212p	Takeover rumours
662p	370p	Sun Alliance	27p to 605p	Exchange boost
765p	365p	Thomson	34p to 714p	Sterling boost to foreign holidays

Falls

144p	54p	Coral	45p to 128p	Bid for Pontin
144½p	79½p	Henly's	3p to 119p	Takeover hopes fade
189p	32½p	Leigh Int	18p to 168p	Profit taking
410p	220p	Malay Tin	30p to 295p	Tin price down
282p	128p	Photo-Me	15p to 245p	Lack of bid news

House buying

Cheer on the home front

The outlook for prospective house-buyers—not to mention hard-pressed existing mortgagors—seems to improve daily.

After yesterday's cut in minimum lending rate, Mr Ralph Stow, chairman of the Building Societies Association, said that the BSA Council would certainly be recommending a cut in interest rates when it met next week.

These are positive words indeed from a building society leader, who as a species usually favour much less categorical remarks. So the only question now remaining is: how large will be the drop in the mortgage interest rate?

Cautious estimates that it could come down by ½ per cent to 9 per cent have been replaced by the widespread view that the reduction will be ¾ per cent. And there are even optimists predicting that it could be a full 1 point drop to 8½ per cent. Hooray.

However, a cut in the mortgage interest rate is no consolation without two other elements which are that building societies should have sufficient money to lend (in fact an automatic precondition of a mortgage rate cut) and that house prices should be within one's grasp. A house price spiral such as that of 1972-73 would not be welcome.

Earlier in the week Mr Len Williams, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society—a building society leader who tends to take a rosy view of any given situation—said firmly that another house price boom was not on the way. At the most he expected that house prices this year would move in line with incomes.

Confirmation of this opinion came from the other side of the fence yesterday. Estate agents have a vested interest in rising house prices, but a survey by the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers (ISVA) shows that estate agents are not expecting a house price explosion.

Prices will rise and there may be isolated instances of gazumping, but as Mr Michael Rains, chairman of the ISVA estate agency committee, pointedly says: "Moving up market is a luxury which an increasing number of people find themselves unable to afford."

Taxation

The employee has to wear something . . .

Hundreds of battles are fought in the courts each year on disputes between the taxpayer and the Inland Revenue. The majority of them are of little interest to the layperson, dealing as they do with such matters as interpretation of obscure aspects of the law, artificial tax schemes, and other esoteric points of principle.

Occasionally there is a case that is of more practical relevance to the man or woman in the street, and these are the ones I shall be looking at in this and the next few weeks. First, though, it might be helpful to look briefly at the appeal procedures which are available to taxpayers should they decide to take an argument with the taxman to the courts.

This is the start of a new series on tax cases that have been fought in the courts on issues which may be of interest to many readers

The first appeal body is either the general commissioners, who perform their duties for no pay and are local persons of repute, or the special commissioners who are civil servants. Which of these worthy alternatives is more likely to find in the taxpayer's favour is not an easy question to answer. Much depends on the principle at stake, but those who are looking for a large measure of sympathy usually choose the general commissioners.

If one of the parties decides not to accept the commissioners' decision then, providing the dispute is on a point of law and not fact, an appeal can be made to the High Court where one judge rules the roost. The services of counsel will be required, so before taking the decision to go this far taxpayers should ensure that they have the blessing of their professional adviser because at this stage the costs start to mount up.

If the dispute is on a point of fact the general or special commissioners are the final arbiters.

Should the High Court rule in the Revenue's favour then the next step up the hierarchy is the Court of Appeal which is made up of three Lord Justices. If this court likewise supports the Revenue, the taxpayer has one final arbiter left, the House of Lords (where the judges increase their number to five), providing the Court of Appeal has given leave for an appeal to be made.

The taxpayer, if successful, will be awarded costs but the victory may be shortlived. Sydney Smith (1771-1845), an English clergyman put it in a nutshell: "When I hear any many talk of an unalterable law I am convinced that he is an unalterable fool." A word in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's ear and the status quo can soon be restored.

If the taxpayer loses the case, salt is rubbed into the wound because the costs are not deductible for tax purposes.

In the case of Hillyer against Leeke (1976) Mr Hillyer took his case no further than the High Court. His is a particularly interesting one because like many employees he took the view that he should be entitled to a tax allowance for clothing.

A deduction for protective clothing is permissable but Mr Hillyer, employed as a computer engineer, went a step further and claimed a deduction of £50 for the cost of his suits. His duties involved travelling to the company's clients to maintain and repair computers and he was required by his employer to wear a suit, collar and tie.



Mr Hillyer's grounds for a deduction were that he wore his suits only at work and that as a result of the nature of his employment they suffered extreme wear and tear. In his judgment Goulding J. said:

"It is very well known that one job may in popular parlance be more expensive than another because it requires the person holding it to keep up appearances more, to maintain a higher apparent standard of living, which, so far as the items of expenditure cannot be isolated and attributed solely to the performance of the duties, will not be reflected in a deduction from his taxable emoluments.

"To take a very obvious example, some jobs require the person holding them to work in the open air in very cold weather, so making that person hungrier than he would be if he were sitting in a warm office, but it is quite clear that he could not charge extra nourishment arising from those circumstances against his taxable emoluments.

". . . Now if a taxpayer works in an occupation where ordinary civilian clothing is worn of the sort that is also worn off duty—take, for example, the case of almost all office workers—there can in my judgment be no apportionment of cost which would enable the taxpayer to deduc under s.189 some proportion o the cost of that ordinar clothing.

"The truth is that th employee has to wear some thing, and the nature of his jo dictates what that somethin will be. It cannot be said tha the expense of his clothing i wholly or exclusively incurre in the perfomance of the dutie of the employment.

"The position is essentiall different, I think, from that o a car, which is not being use for the taxpayer's private pu poses when he is using it fo his employer's purposes, an vice versa. There, some kin of time or milage apportio ment is not impossible.

"In the case of clothing th individual is wearing clothir for his own purposes of cov and comfort concurrently wi wearing it in order to have th appearance which the job r quires. Accordingly, in that so of case no apportionment possible."

In the final part of the jud ment, Goulding J. contrasts th clothing habits of two differen employees.

"Consider two persons doin the same work and also requirin to wear clothing of a certa standard. One of them wea his suits indiscriminately wh on duty and when not on dut They wear out quicker becau of the stress imposed on the by his occupation, but he do not change the moment h comes off duty; he just us his suits, as many people do, wear in the evenings and Sundays as well as while work.

"The other person, like M Hillyer, keeps a suit or su exclusively to wear at work an always changes. It would strange if the tax situation those individuals were differe because of that difference their private habits; but und Schedule E I think it is cle that it would not be differen

Mr Hillyer's claim failed.

Vera Di Palm

Is there oil in them thar hills?

You may be eyeing your cabbage patch with renewed interest following the recent discovery of handy reserves of oil in the heart of rural Dorset. Readers who inhabit the West Country may be quivering with expectation that the riches of the east could be about to spout from their fields and hedgerows.

But forget all those John Wayne movies about the Californian gold rush. Any increase in onshore exploration and production in the United Kingdom is unlikely to benefit anyone except the government and the oil companies. The landowner stands to make very little out of any oil strikes on his property.

An Englishman's home may be his castle, but whatever lurks in the ground beneath very definitely belongs to the Crown.

The 1934 Petroleum (Production) Act, together with subsequent legislation invests the Crown with the powers of exploration and development of oil, gas or mineral resources found on land in Britain.

The position here is very different from that in the United States, where the landowner has legal rights over oil or other useful substances found on his territory. In many areas the landscape is dotted with oil derricks bobbing up and down in the proverbial back garden, and many a Texan fortune, if legend is to be believed, started with a well placed hole in the front lawn.

So what happen here when the representative from a major oil company comes rolling up the drive seeking permission to dig up your herbaceous borders in order to help the balance of payments?

First, the exploration company has to obtain a government licence to drill. Planning permission has to be obtained from the local county council, and the landowner and oil group must reach agreement on financial terms.

Most agreements seem to be based on existing land use plus compensation for the mess incurred in drilling the holes. The trouble is that neither the oil company nor the landowner know whether oil will be discovered in commercial amounts, or whether the government will grant a licence to actually extract it in any case.

The farmer may think he is receiving money for old rope, until a strike is made and he is saddled with the oil men for the ensuing two decades for an amount that looks like a pittance compared with the value of the oil now gushing from where his cows once grazed.

In theory there is nothing to stop a farmer from demanding a great deal of money in return for access to an exploration site—even perhaps a percentage of any future production. But the oil company is unlikely to lash out large amounts on what could prove to be just an empty hole in the ground.

Because the landowner only has the right to the site, not to what lies beneath it, the oil company can if the terms are exorbitant, pop off to see the next door proprietor, arrange a better deal with him, and drill sideways into the potential reserves of oil beneath your land—a rather outrageous ploy known as directional drilling.

If you own all the surrounding land you can keep the oil companies away all together—by haggling over price until they give up.

A landowner, or any one else who thinks they will be adversely affected by oil exploration, can appeal against planning decisions by the county council at both the exploration and the production stage and demand a public inquiry.

In extremis the oil company with a licence can apply to the Government to simply establish their rights by compulsory purchase since the Crown has the right to the oil. But this has not, to the Department of Energy's knowledge, ever been done.

Margaret Drummond

Motor insurance

The hazards of restricting your car cover

Every year, thousands of motorists are prosecuted for driving while uninsured. Most of them are those who try to keep motoring costs to the bare minimum; they consider insurance is an unnecessary expense.

I suspect, however, that there are plenty of worthy people who would not knowingly break the law in this way—but who, unwittingly, contribute to a car being driven without insurance.

Usually, the problems arise when somebody else is at the wheel of the car, even for a comparatively short period. To try to cut premium costs an increasing number of motorists are securing a worthwhile discount off the basic premium in return for restricting the driving to themselves, or, more usually, to themselves and their spouses.

While that may seem straightforward enough it is possible to run into trouble in a number of ways. Incidentally, if the car is taken to a reputable garage for repair or servicing the garage should have its own insurance to cover a member of the staff driving the car on a road test or for similar activities. But watch out if somebody undertakes this work as a "moonlighting" operation.

There could be some "life and death" emergency when somebody else has to use the car; and that use would not be covered. It is easy to take the discount and to think that it does not represent any effective restriction (because, in any event, nobody else drives the car); but the restriction could prove to be vital and so it is important at all times to remember its existence.

Most parents remember to check the insurance position when a son or daughter reaches the age of 17 and is eligible for a provisional driving licence and learner plates. That, of course, is one of the reasons why some insurers can offer such attractive terms when driving is restricted to those who are over the age of 50.

Clearly, any driving restriction must be removed from a policy before a son or daughter starts to drive the car on the road. But, of course, many sons and daughters want to get behind the wheel of the car before they reach the age of 17.

Often, a private road, disused airfield, or some other place off the highway, can be chosen for this "unofficial" driving. Remember, however, that there is unlikely to be any cover under a policy—despite the fact that there is no driving on the highway. This is because, normally, a pol covers only those with a dr ing licence or who are not p vented from obtaining on and car licences are not issu to those under the age of 17.

So although driving on a p vate road is unlikely to res in prosecution for drivi while uninsured (althou some private roads are not "private" as one thinks f this purpose), there would no cover for damage to t car, or for any third party l bility—perhaps as a result an accident involving *son body else* getting in some ea experience behind the wheel

Even if there are no spec driving restrictions in t policy it is possible to run in *trouble. For instance*, a learn driver in the family (with l or her provisional licenc may simply get the car out the garage and park it on t road—unaccompanied. An ac dent *could* occur in that bri period and the insurance cou be voided because the learn was not accompanied.

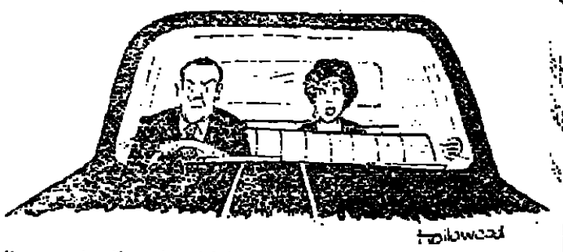
If in that situation a thi *party makes a claim for pe* sonal injury it would be m on behalf of the Motor I surers' Bureau by the c owner's insurer. The thi party, therefore, will be pai but, because the owner was u insured, the insurer then h the right to recover the cost the claim (which *could* into thousands of pounds).

Normally, friends, relatin and colleagues can borrow t car for social, domestic pleasure purposes, but not f business—even though it m be one's own business. Th usual form of policy covers n on business only by the polic holder *in person*. This can he serious pitfall for the unwary.

Often, in connexion wi business, somebody has driv me in a colleague's car, catch a train. And if that c really was the personal pro erty of the person from wh it was borrowed (as h appeared to be the case) I su pose I should have asked abo the insurance position

I have not done so, part because it is not the best w to win friends in business, an partly because, almost ce tainly, it would have result in my missing the train. As passenger I am all right. Shou there be an accident in whi I am injured, and it transpire that the insurance was inoper tive at the time, my claim w be handled by the insurer o behalf of the Motor Insurer Bureau, so that I shall recei are compensation to which may be legally entitled.

John Drummond



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This is the final article in our series which has looked at the financial implications of parenthood.

Children

Student grants—the last financial hurdle

Financing a university education is the final part of the long and expensive process of turning your offspring loose on the world. It is a subject that causes more discord inside and outside families than almost any other aspect of children's care and education.

It has always seemed illogical that one can enjoy the benefits of a free state education to the age of 18, regardless of family means, and then be expected to pay for the three years spent in higher education.

What proportion of the cost is payable by the parents depends on their joint income, their outgoings, and the number of other dependent children in the family.

The basic grant for students attending a university or similar course is £1,010 this academic year. If the student is at college in London the amount is £1,145 to take account of the extra costs of living in the capital. If the student lives at home while attending his course he receives a smaller grant of £785 a year.

These levels are laid down annually by the Department of *Education* but are payable by the student's own local education authority. The grant is for maintenance—tuition fees are paid direct to the university or college.

The local education authority then applies a means test to the parents' income. If they have, jointly, a "residual income" of over £3,200 a year, based on the tax year that closed immediately before the start of the academic year, they are expected to make a contribution to the grant.

Residual income is defined as gross income after deduction of mortgage and pension payments plus allowances for other children according to their age. For dependent children under 11 years old the parent can deduct a £425 allowance, for children between 11 and 16 £435, and for children of 17 or over £545.

If, after this calculation joint parental income is below £3,200 then the local education authority must pay the son or daughter the full amount of the grant. Above that figure, contributions are assessed on a sliding scale.

Joint parental residual income of £4,000, for instance, means that the parent has to pay some £180 a year to bring the grant up to the full amount. This contribution rises to £360 a year if residual income is £5,000, and £460 a year—nearly half the grant, if residual income is £6,000.

But however wealthy the parents are, every student on a course qualifying for mandatory grants will receive £80 a year from the local education authority towards maintenance.

The student's own income is also taken into account, although holiday earnings are disregarded. The first £215 of any other income is disregarded for assessment purposes. Orphans receiving money from trust funds can overlook the first £430, and the first £500 received from employers or scholarship awards is similarly treated.

The trouble with the system is that an estimated three-quarters of parents who are liable to make a contribution do not do so, leaving their offspring somewhat short of the full amount. The luckiest students are frequently those from less affluent families who qualify for the full grant.



Students at work: pondering the problems of Calculus or the bank balance?

Children from wealthier families are in the main denied the parental contribution in full for reasons that may range from genuine financial difficulty to dislike of the student choice of clothes or friends.

If the parent will not pay up, there is nothing the student can do to extract the shortfall either from him or the local education authority. Where parents are divorced or separated, the means test is applied to the parent with custody, usually the mother, although the maintenance she receives both for herself and the child is counted as her income.

A parent with a son or daughter at university is entitled to claim the children's tax allowance, although not the weekly child benefit payment, which at any rate, ceases once the child is 19 years old. In this tax year the allowances are £261 if the student is the first child, £235 if he or she is the second or subsequent offspring.

What about vacation earnings? If the student earns more than £350 a year (either through working or from investments) then the amount of the child allowance claimed by the parent is reduced by £1 for every £1 of the excess. Naturally if the student earns more than £945—the level of the personal allowance—he or she becomes liable to tax.

What else can a student claim? If you opt for a far flung university you may be able to claim something extra towards travelling expenses. If these amount to more than £32 in the academic year, the local education authority may pay the excess. Most do—but they are not obliged to by law.

The maintenance grant is supposed to cover a students living expenses for 40 weeks of the year. The rules affecting students rights to claim supplementary benefits have recently been changed.

The 10-week vacation element in the annual grant (assuming a 30-week term) has been concentrated into the two short vacations—at Christmas and Easter—which means effectively that most students will be ineligible for supplementary benefits for those periods.

If the student has a commitment to pay rent on his college digs or flat for the vacation periods then he may claim £2 a week for that element in his costs even if he is living at home. If he spends his vacations in his flat or room he may be able to claim the full amount of the rent.

The vacation element for those two periods is now calculated in such a way as to equal the level at which supplementary benefits payments cease.

But the supplementary benefits assessment is based on notional, not actual, student income. The assessment assumes that the student is, for instance, receiving the full parental contribution, which according to government surveys is manifestly not the case.

So even if the student's parents are not paying their share he or she cannot claim benefit for those weeks. If the student, however, is registered as unemployed during the long summer vacation then a claim for supplementary benefit should be made.

And if the student has worked for sufficient weeks and paid enough national insurance contributions, then he (she) could be eligible for unemployment benefit during all vacations under rules which, however, may be amended to the students' disadvantage later this year.

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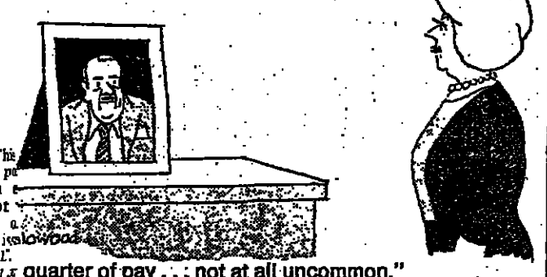
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Akroyd may join Smith to deal in gold shares

By Alison Mitchell

Akroyd & Smithers seem poised to join fellow London jobbing concern Smith Brothers in trading South African gold mining shares.

The abolition of the 25 per cent surrender rule on dealings in foreign stocks and shares at the beginning of this year may have given the group the final impetus, and Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, chairman, tells shareholders in the annual report that the directors are considering the move.

Some of the necessary specialist skills are already available to the group, through recently merged Stocken & Lazarus which formerly dealt in gold shares.

During the past year, to September 30, the group started to trade in United States dollar and external sterling Eurobonds and it is hoped that this business will gradually be expanded.

The current year has begun in a confused atmosphere with an oscillating MLR and off-the-mark PSBR forecasts and this is scarcely conducive to profitable jobbing, the chairman points out.

And he hits out at the tax system, which gives no incentive to savers and leaves the stock market dominated by savings institutions. This, he says, increases the volatility and one-way nature of share price movements.

Following the Hyde Committee recommendations on inflation accounting Akroyd has published a current cost statement in the report which knocks £2.5m from pre-tax profits, leaving the total at £13m. The adjustment for net monetary assets sucks £2.3 from operating profits while depreciation docks a further £193,000.

A note to the account shows that some directors have been selling shares. The chairman has reduced his holding by just over a quarter to 143,800.

Stock markets

Index edges towards 500 as business expands

The encouragement of a half point cut in the Minimum Lending Rate helped share prices to edge ahead for the tenth time in the past 11 trading days.

Once again the greater interest in second-line issues boosted the number of bargains marked, at 6,426, by around 50 per cent from the beginning of the week and the *FT* Index closed 2.8 up at 497.3, its best level of the day. The gain over the first four days of 1978 was 11.9 and prices are now back to their mid-November levels.

In gilts the MLR cuts was discounted but the absence of a new "tap" stock, especially at the long end, helped prices to rally from early losses which stretched to seven eighths.

After 3.30 pm had passed without news long dates, which were already rallying from their lowest levels, were immediately marked one quarter better to close three eighths lower over a day of light two-way trade.

Short dates, three eighths off at one stage, closed a shade easier even though a new short "tap" was only considered an outside possibility. Both ends of the market continued to firm after hours on the strength of the pound to a point where all of the day's losses had been eliminated.

The prospect of Government action on compensation for shipbuilders in the new Parliamentary session brought strong early rises to stocks which had already started to gain late the previous day. The best were Yarrow 6p to 290p, Vosper 5p to 153p and Swan Hunter 3p to 157p. But Vickers, which moved strongly on Thursday after comment and a late denial that terms had already been agreed, gave back some ground, losing 3p to 192p.

After the terms from Coral Leisure, which slipped another 7p to 128p after touching a low of 124p, Pontins returned to the market from suspension and closed 7p better at 45p, a penny below the bid equivalent. Fading hopes of a bid from Coral lowered Associated Leisure 3½p to 56½p and Ladbroke's denial of any intention to mount rival terms for Pontins helped the shares to recoup an early 7p fall to close 2p off at 210p.

In spite of the denial by European Ferries that it intends to sell its 5 per cent stake in Furness Withy the latter's shares went ahead again by another 3p to 347p. Yule Gatto 5½p to 77½p, Dale Electric 6p to 157p and Norwest Holst all continued to be helped by speculative support.

Another similarly lifted was Ofrex 4p to 107p with Gestetner, with which it has trading links mentioned as a possible contender. Some are convinced that Thos W. Ward, which reported this week, could be one of 1978's best shares.

A new twist to an old tale is that the group is tidying up its interests as a prelude to a bid with the possible suitor particularly interested in Ward's big stake in Tunnel Cement. The shares closed unchanged at 60p.

With a "buy" recommendation from Greenwell IMI gained 3p to 59p while news of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, which gives European textile companies protection from "cheap" imports, lifted shares like Courtaulds 3p to 119p and Carrington Viyella 1p to 40p. But a more pessimistic long-term view is that the recession in man-made fibres will go on for another year or two yet.

News of minority terms for BCA from AP Cement had the shares called 130p compared with a pre-suspension price of 53p. The Bushmills deal with Seagrams strengthened Irish Distillers 10p to 132p. Spring maker FS Ratcliffe continued to go ahead, this time by 5p to 75p, while in properties Centrovincial was similarly lifted 7p to 90p.

Barclay's decision to cut their base rate by one per cent and deposit rate by 1.5 per cent lowered the shares which ended 3p off at 345p after early rises. The other clearers were also hit.

Amid the speculative interest in the leisure sector generated by the Pontin bid there was a 3p rise to 36½p for hotels group Adda International. The talk is that there is more than just sector interest involved here. Some gossip that a bidder is around, and prepared to pay in the region of 50p per share.

Petbow, the diesel generator group seems to be getting its second wind after the recent good interim bulletin. Over Christmas and the New Year the shares have crept up from 180p to 200p. The group is still benefiting from generators wanted by backward Middle Eastern countries and domestic demand is now picking up well. Profits this year to March 31 could easily rise from £2.78m to £3.2m or more, and the yield is a useful 6½ per cent.

About 400,000 Comet Radio shares were put through the market yesterday at an average price of just over 168p. The group is said to have had a very strong Christmas and New Year sales selling most of stocks worth more than £20m. Such is the early 1978 demand that the group is finding it hard to cope, according to sources close to the company. The shares gained 3p to 169p.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Anston Hldgs (I)	0.36(0.45)	0.08(0.08)	1.2(1.2)	0.75(0.75)	24/2	—(2.4)
Geevor Tin (I)	—(—)	0.6(0.14)	—(—)	8.41(6.5)	24/2	—(18.05)
S. Heath (I)	1.29(1.0)	0.26(0.17)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(2.9)
Knott Mill (I)	1.73(1.8)	0.09a(0.01a)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
R. H. Lowe (F)	4.9(3.5)	0.44(0.35)	12.92(10.32)	3.02(2.6)	14/3	3.8(3.4)
Pontins (I)	36.2(32.4)	9.2(8.2)	—(—)	1.38(1.65)	27/4	—(—)
Stvrt Zigomala (I)	—(—)	0.01(0.01)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	—(5.9)
Stead & Smpsn (I)	10.6(8.92)	0.95(0.94)	—(—)	0.46(0.41)	17/2	—(2.38)
H. Wigfall (I)	—(—)	0.35a(0.46)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(4.84)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Loss.

Henry Wigfall in and out of the red

By Richard Allen

The shares for Henry Wigfall, the Sheffield-based television rental and electrical appliances retailer fell yesterday after the group announced an £800,000 swing from profit to loss in first-half trading.

For the six months to October 13, the group made a loss of £353,000 compared with a profit of £464,000 in the previous corresponding period.

The loss came despite a turnover increase of 19½ per cent to £15.67m, though this largely reflects an increased contribution from the 65 shops acquired by Wigfall from Lloyds Retailers in August 1976.

Mr F. C. B. Morrell, chairman, blames the disappointing result on increased costs and other pressures on profit margins while the squeeze on disposable incomes continued.

However he claims that the group is now trading profitably thanks to efforts to contain costs and maintain turnover. Given only a reasonably stable economic climate he expects second-half profits to be sufficient to provide a surplus for the full-year.

Perennial bid hopes for Wigfall were dampened last month when United Dominions Trust announced that it had disposed of its 25.5 per cent stake. The holding was subsequently placed with no purchaser taking more than 2 per cent of the shares.

Since peaking at £2.37m in 1974/75 Wigfall's pre-tax profits have slumped to £1.4m in 1975/76 and £1.09m last year.

Offer for BCA minority

BCA was suspended on December 22 when talks started with the parent, Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers. Yesterday they jumped to 130p after the suspension was lifted at the board's request.

The requotation was granted after the news that AP Cement is making an agreed offer worth £1.47m for the 23 per cent of the capital it does not already own.

For every ordinary share in BCA, AP Cement is offering 125p cash, or one ordinary share of AP Cement for every two ordinary shares in BCA.

Based on the middle market price of AP Cement's shares of 265p on January 5, the share offer is equal to 132½p a share.

AP Cement has been advised by County Bank. BCA's directors, other than the chairman, Mr T. R. Chesterfield (he is also a director of AP Cement), have been advised by Lazard Brothers. Both consider the terms "fully satisfactory" and intend to recommend shareholders to vote in favour of the scheme of arrangement for the takeover.

Geers Gross opens up in America

By Michael Clark

Geers Gross, the London advertising agency which handles such big names as Cadbury Schweppes, Spillers and United Biscuits, is to buy the whole of the common stock of Richard K. Manoff Inc, a New York-based national advertising agency, for $3.5m. Part of this will be satisfied by the vendors keeping $600,000 worth of certain assets of Manoff, making the net cost of $2.9m. It will be provided through a back-to-back loan to the group by Manufacturers Hanover Trust.

The best part of the sterling deposit of £1.14m will come from an issue of 2.7m new ordinary shares at 41½p a share of which 1.4m shares will be offered to existing shareholders.

Turnover of Manoff for 1977 exceeded $30m and the group is planning to grow strongly this year. The Geers Gross board forecasts that combined pre-tax profits to December 1978, including those of Manoff attributable to Geers Gross, will not be less than £685,000.

Stead & Simpson footwear slows it down

By Victor Felstead

Having hoisted pre-tax profits by 41 per cent to a record £1.88m in the year to March 31, Stead and Simpson found the going much tougher in the half-year to September 30.

Turnover rose by 19.5 per cent to £10.66m but pre-tax profits nearly stood still at £956,000. Interest charges jumped from £15,000 to £55,000.

A rise of almost 62 per cent in motor trading's results to £170,000 was offset by a slip from £854,000 to £841,000 in footwear retailing trading profits.

Barclays Bank Base Rate

Barclays Bank Limited and **Barclays Bank International Limited** announce that with effect from the close of business on 9th January, 1978, their Base Rate will be decreased from 7½% to 6½% per annum.

The basic interest rate for deposits will be decreased from 4½% to 3% per annum.

The new rate applies also to Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited

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PLUS SPECIAL BONUS of 15% of all ordinary bonuses, life and pensions, earned up to and including 31 December 1977.

In the past, many life assurance companies have also offered a variable bonus known as a terminal bonus. This has been payable only at the end of the policy term or on earlier death. The amount of bonus depended upon investment markets; it could—and often did—go down as well as up.

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This is a major benefit. In effect, we have added increased bonuses to our with profit policies—bonuses that are guaranteed. Like the new declared ordinary bonuses, the special bonus cannot be taken away or reduced—no matter what happens in investment markets.

Extra bonus means extra benefits...

A savings policy taken out at the beginning of 1975 for £10,000 has now increased to £11,483 with bonuses—and should continue to grow. A Self Employed Pension Plan starting at the same time for a guaranteed pension of £1,000 p.a. will now have an extra £165 of pension—which should also grow to give more on retirement.

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£7,975	10	£5,013 p.a.
£9,990	15	£6,420 p.a.
£12,540	20	£8,241 p.a.
£15,680	25	£10,530 p.a.
£19,530	30	£13,401 p.a.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Geevor Tin soars but ride may be over soon

Propelled by a soaring tin price, Geevor Tin Mines's pre-tax profits leapt from £145,000 to £604,000 in the six months to September 30. This is slightly better than many were expecting but the end of the spectacular rise in tin prices of the past year may be in sight.

Prices have fallen over the past month on fears of early stockpile releases from the United States. There will obviously be a time lag, in which prices could go up and down before the new metal arrives, but once it does the price could well come back to £5,500 a tonne.

Loss-maker to be sold by Burco Dean

Burco Dean's shares rose by a penny to 61p yesterday on news that a loss-making offshoot is to be closed and sold. Hague and McKenzie will stop manufacturing this spring, and its assets, including its property, are to be sold.

This subsidiary, which makes domestic and catering pots and pans, lost money in the past two years. A loss of £227,000 was cloaked by group pre-tax profits of £1.1m for the year to September 30. Disposal of Hague's assets will result in a "significant cash inflow" to *Burco Dean, which will be used* to cut bank borrowings.

Globe & P. delays bid for Phoenix Prince

With the agreement of the City Takeover Panel, the offer by Globe and Phoenix Gold Mining for Phoenix Prince Gold Mining has been temporarily withdrawn. The board of Globe and Phoenix undertakes to put forward new terms not later than March 6 by which time the offer document can take account either of audited accounts of Globe and Phoenix for 1977 or a profit forecast for that period.

OCCIDENTAL BONDS

Occidental International Finance is to offer $50m of guaranteed notes, due 1983, with an expected coupon of 8½ per cent. They will be guaranteed by the parent, Occidental Petroleum.

TRAFALGAR HOUSE

Trafalgar's offers for Morgan-Grampian have been accepted for 94 per cent of ordinary and 81 per cent of preference shares. Offers remain open.

'Dramatic' rise reported at Friends' Prov

Friends' Provident reports a dramatic growth of 64 per cent to £7.7m in new annual premiums for individual assurances annuities in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland for 1977. New annual premiums worldwide were £16m (£14.4m) and new single premiums £6.2m (£4.8m). Sums assured fell from £758m to £695m.

New Life Business

Yorkshire General, the life company of General Accident announces that in 1977 net new sums assured were written amounting to £793.9m (£775.2m). New annual premiums amounted to £7.6m (£8m) of which £3.5m (£3.7m) was in respect of ordinary life business. Immediate annuity considerations and non-recurring single premiums totalled £4.4m.

The Manulife Group announces a new record in its business. In 1977 policies for annual premiums totalling £3.5m (£2m) and for single premiums of £306,000 (£8,000). New sums insured amounted to £117m (£97m).

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	7½%
Barclays Bank	7½%
Consolidated Crdts	7½%
First London Secs	7½%
C. Hoare & Co	*7½%
Lloyds Bank	7%
London Mercantile	7%
Midland Bank	6½%
Nat Westminster	7½%
Rossminster Acc's	7½%
Shenley Trust	9½%
TSB	7%
Williams and Glyn's	7½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 3½%, up to £25,000 4½%, over £25,000 5%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
44	27	Airsprung Ord	39	—	4.2	10.8	7.3
150	100	Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
145	105	Bardon Hill	143	—	12.0	8.4	9.8
102	48	Deborah Ord	101	—	5.1	5.2	8.0
216	104	Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	140	—	11.5	8.0	6.9
58	36	Jackson Group	45	—	5.0	11.1	5.3
114	55	James Burrough	112	+2	6.0	5.4	10.3
340	188	Robert Jenkins	315	—	27.0	8.5	5.3
24	8	Twinlock Ord	15	−1	—	—	—
77	57	Twinlock 12% ULS	75	—	12.0	16.0	—
73	51	Unilock Holdings	73	—	7.0	9.7	9.0
87	65	Walter Alexander	83	—	6.4	7.7	6.1

COPPER: Cash wire bars lost £6.50 and three months dropped £7.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £670.50-71.50 a metric ton; three months, £684.50-85.00. Sales, 2,700 tons. Cash cathodes, £659-59.50; three months, £673.50-75.00. Sales, 150 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars £673-75.50; three months, £684-84.50. Settlement, £675.50. Sales, 3,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £664.50-65.00; three months, £678.50-79.00. Settlement, £665. Sales, 2,000 tons. **SILVER** was steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 255.5p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 486.1); three months, 258.9p (493.3c); six months, 263p (501.8c); one year, 275p (531.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 255.4-55.60; three months, 259.2-59.4p. Sales, 19 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 255.9-56.1p; three months, 259.5-59.6p. Settlement, 256.1p. Sales, 41 lots. **TIN** was easier. Standard cash losing £160 while three months dropped £135. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,360-65 a metric ton; three months, £6,255-60. Sales, 245 tons. High grade, cash, £6,260-66; three months, £6,265-80. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,340-45; three months, £6,320-25. Settlement, £6,345. Sales, 1,110 tons. High grade, cash, £6,340-45; three months, £6,330-50. Settlement £6,345. Sales, 280 tons. Singapore tin, ex-works, $M1,692 a picul. **LEAD** was easier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £361-61.50 a metric ton; three months, £365-65.50. Sales, 950 tons. Morning.—Cash, £363.75-63.35; three months, £367-67.50. Settlement, £363.25. Sales, 3,600 tons. **ZINC** was easier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £283-84 a metric ton; three months, £290-90.50. Sales, 1,200 tons. Morning.—Cash, £286.50-86.75; three months, £293-93.25. Settlement, £286.75. Sales, 456 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

Commodities

PLATINUM was at £98.80 ($189) a troy ounce.
RUBBER was easier (pence per kilo).—Feb 47.70-48.00; March 48-48.30; April-June, 48.70-48.80; July-Sept 50.46-50.60; Oct-Dec 53.10-52.30; Jan-March 53.85-53.90; April-June 55.60-55.70; July-Sept 57.35-57.30; Oct-Dec 58.85-58.90. Sales: 3 lots at 5 tonnes; 280 at 15 tonnes.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were easier.—Spot, 47-48.25. Cifs, Feb 47.50-48.00; March, 47.75-48.50.
COFFEE was about steady.—Jan, £1,915-20 per metric ton; March, £1,766-70; May, £1,715-20; July, £1,675-85; Sept, £1,635-45; Nov, £1,600-1,615; Jan, £1,566-80. Sales: 1941 lots including 30 options.
PALM OIL was quiet.—Jan, Feb, March all £270-80.00 per metric ton; April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, all £260-70.
COCOA was easier, March falling £49.50 and May dropping £35.—March, £1,706-08 per metric ton; May, £1,587-89; July, £1,556-57; Sept, £1,530-31; Dec, £1,500-05; March, £1,475.50-78.00; May, £1,435.60. Sales, 3,893 lots including 3 options. ICCO prices: daily, 137.46c; 15-day average, 143.09c; 22-day average, 144.41c (US cents per lb).
SUGAR futures were easier. The London daily price of "raws" was £2 higher at £109; the "whites" price was unchanged at £114.—March, £118.55-18.70 per metric ton; May, £123.25-23.30; Aug, £126.20-26.25; Oct, £130.10-30.25; Dec, £133.10-33.50; March, £136.30-36.50; May, £139-39.50. Sales: 1,508 lots. ISA prices: 8.22c; 15-day average 8.16c.
WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 237.5-40.0; May, 236.9-37.0; July, 236-37; Oct, 239-42; Dec, 240-42; March, 242-46; May, 244-48; July, 244-48. Sales: nil.
JUTE was unquoted. Calcutta was steady. Indian, spot, Rs570 per bale of 400 lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs570.
GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Jan, £85.75; Feb and March, £83.25 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £80.25; Feb, £81.25 trans-shipment east coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Jan, £97.50; Feb, £98.50; March, £99.50 trans-shipment east coast.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: Jan, £70.75; March, £72.25; May, £74.60; Sept, £76.50; Nov, £78.90. Sales, 78 lots. WHEAT was steady: Jan, £81.35; March, £82.40; May, £84.40; Sept, £81; Nov, £83.45. Sales: 85 lots.
Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	—	£72.60	£67
Lincs	—	£73.60	£69.80

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 6.—GB: Cattle 58.87p per kglw (+0.42). UK: Sheep 139.6p per kgestdcw (−1.8). GB: Pigs 57.6p per kglw (+2.5). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 78.2 per cent, average price 59.05p (+0.52). Sheep numbers up 20.4 per cent, average price 130.2p (−4.1). Pig numbers up 31.5 per cent, average price 57.6p (−3.8). Scotland: Cattle average price 57.86p. Sheep average price 128.0p. Pigs, nil. No Scottish number or price changes due to holiday.

Foreign Exchange

Late demand on New York yesterday hoisted the pound to its best level of the day at the end of business in London. The closing rate against the dollar was $1.9300, which was 4.20 cents above *Thursday night's close of* $1.8880. The effective exchange index moved forward to 65.3 compared with 64.7 previously.

Dealers said the late spurt in sterling reflected the virtual absence of any Federal Bank support for the dollar, and also the view being taken that the fall in the pound on Thursday had been overdone. The ½ per cent cut in *Minimum Lending Rate to 6½ per cent also helped sentiment.*

The dollar was on offer against most other major *currencies* gaining no encouragement from the latest prime rate increases.

Gold gained $3.75 an ounce to close in London at $169.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 6	Market rates (close) January 6
New York	$1.8970-9330	$1.9290-9310
Montreal	$2.0735-1150	$2.1100-1120
Amsterdam	4.35-42fl	4.40½-41½fl
Brussels	62.90-63.90f	63.70-85f
Copenhagen	11.06-30k	11.27½-29½k
Frankfurt	4.05-11m	4.09½-10½m
Lisbon	76.20-78.00e	77.70-78.00e
Madrid	154.00-156.00p	155.75-95p
Milan	1659-87lr	1685-87lr
Oslo	9.86-10.05k	10.03-06k
Paris	8.99-9.12f	9.10-12f
Stockholm	8.90-9.03k	9.01-03k
Tokyo	455-70y	463-66y
Vienna	29.05-55sch	29.40-55sch
Zurich	3.80-90f	3.85½-87½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was up 0.6 per cent at 65.3.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.12-.22c disc	.28-.38c disc
Montreal	.07-.17c disc	.30-.40c disc
Amsterdam	¾c prem-¼c disc	1½-½c prem
Brussels	10-25c disc	35-50c disc
Copenhagen	14-16ore disc	32½-34½ore disc
Frankfurt	1½-½pf prem	4½-3½pf prem
Lisbon	55-185c disc	320-620c disc
Madrid	80-150c disc	350-450c disc
Milan	14-22lr disc	38-47lr disc
Oslo	10-12ore disc	28½-29½ore disc
Paris	3½-4½c disc	13½-14½c disc
Stockholm	8-10ore disc	20-22ore disc
Vienna	10-25gro disc	35-58gro disc
Zurich	2½-1½c prem	5½-4½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9140-43.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6½-6¾; seven days, 6½-7; one month, 7½-7¾; three months, 7-7½; six months, 7½-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $168.9 (an ounce); pm, $169.0.
Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $175-177 (£91½-92½); resident, $176-177 (£91½-92½).
Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $53-54 (£27-28); resident, $52-54 (£27-28).

Discount market

The credit screw tightened even more on Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England again gave exceptionally large assistance. This was channelled by way of exceptionally large lending (over £250m in its own right) to 10 or 11 houses at MLR (7 per cent) until Monday, plus purchases of a small number of Treasury bills both from the banks and the houses. Underlying factors indicated that the help was just about right.

However, Monday now promises to be just as short with the exceptionally large loans to repay and some £320m to be found for the call on the Treasury 10½ per cent stock 1999.

Against these the slight drop in the note circulation made no impression. Rates stuck at 7 per cent right through until the Bank's programme of assistance, when closing balances were taken down at 6 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 7%
(Last changed 25/11/77)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½-7½%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 7 Low 6
Week Fixed: 6½-6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅞	2 months	5¹³⁄₁₆
3 months	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	3 months	5¹³⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⁵⁄₁₆-6⅛	3 months	6⅞
3 months	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	4 months	6⅞
4 months	6-5⅞	6 months	6⅞
6 months	6-5⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¼-5¾	7 months	6½-5¾
2 months	6¼-6¾	8 months	6½-5¾
3 months	6¼-5¾	9 months	6½-6¼
4 months	6¼-6¾	10 months	6½-6¼
5 months	6¼-5¾	11 months	6½-6¼
6 months	6¼-5¾	12 months	7-6½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	6½-6¾	6 months	6¾-6⅝
3 months	6⅝-6½	12 months	6⅞-6¹³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6⅞	3 months	6¹³⁄₁₆-6⅝
7 days	6⅞	6 months	6⅞
1 month	6⅞	1 year	6¾-7

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 7 Close 6

1 week	6¼-6⅛	6 months	6½-6⅝
1 month	6½-6⅝	9 months	6¾-6⅞
3 months	6⁵⁄₁₆-6⅛	12 months	7-6¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 6⅝ 6 months 6⅞

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£1,230m	allotted	£400m
Bids at	£98.53½	received	63%
Last week	£98.42½	received	7¼%
Average rate	£5.8838%	Last week	£6.2931%
Next week	£300m	replace	£300m

Wall Street

New York, Jan 6.—Prices on the New York stock market fell heavily over a wide area today as the dollar declined and interest rates rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 11.43 points to 793.49.

Some 1,270 issues fell in price while only about 240 advanced.

Volume totalled 26.15 million shares compared with 23.57 million yesterday.

The dollar declined on foreign exchanges in Europe, with the United States Federal Reserve supplying less support than dealers had expected. It rallied the previous two sessions as the United States intervened to stop its long deterioration.

Brokers reported that concentrated selling came from abroad. Investors both abroad and in the United States were apprehensive that the intervention would not be effective and that the basic problems remained unsolved, including a huge trade deficit.

Gold gains slightly

New York, Jan 6.—GOLD futures closed slightly higher in active trading. NY COMEX: Jan, $170.30; Feb, $171.30; March, $172.40; April, $173.60; June, $176.00; Aug, $178.40; Oct, $180.80; Dec, $183.30; Feb, $185.80; April, $188.40; June, $191.00; Aug, $193.60; Oct, $196.20. CHICAGO IMM: March, $172.90-172.40; June, $175.90-176.20; Sept, $179.60-179.90; Dec, $183.40-183.30; March, $187.10; June, $190.50; Sept, $194.00.

SILVER prices retreated when chartist liquidation and technical selling began to weigh heavily on the mid-session rally. Prices closed 1.60 to 1.90 cents lower. Jan, 487.00c; Feb, 489.20c; March, 492.50c; May, 499.10c; July, 505.70c; Sept, 512.30c; Dec, 522.20c; Jan, 525.60c; March, 532.20c; May, 538.90c; July, 545.60c; Sept, 552.40c. Handy & Harman, 490.30c (previous 482.90c). Handy and Harman of Canada, $5.569 ($5.293).

COPPER closed steady.—Jan, 59.80c; Feb, 60.10c; March, 60.50c; May, 61.50c; July, 62.50c; Sept, 63.40c; Dec, 64.70c; Jan, 65.20c; March, 66.10c; May, 67.00c; July, 67.90c; Sept, 68.80c.

SUGAR closed mixed. March, 9.17-19c; May, 9.58c; July, 9.77-79c; Sept, 9.95c; Oct, 10.11c; Jan, 10.50-0.60c; March, 10.72c; May, 10.87c.

COCOA prices eased in late trade on light selling of the July contract to finish 1.95 to 1.30 cents down. March, 140.55c; May, 130.55c; July, 126.55c; Sept, 124.05c; Dec, 120.85c; March, 118.70c; May, 117.50c.

COFFEE prices closed a relatively quiet session 1.00 to 2.15 cents higher. March, 196.00c; May, 185.50-75c; July, 177.00-50c; Sept, 173.25-50c; Dec, 159.00c; March, 156.00c; May, 150.00-1.00c.

COTTON futures ran into trade and local selling which reduced values from 0.70 cent to 0.06 cent per lb. March, 55.25-50c; May, 54.35-40c; July, 55.60-65c; Oct, 55.65-85c; Dec, 57.40-50c; March, 58.25-75c; May, 58.70-9.20c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Soyabean futures were 1½ cents a bushel higher to 2½ cents lower. SOYABEANS: Jan, 596-87c; March, 596-95c; May, 603c; July, 608-08½c; Aug, 608½c; Sept, 591½c; Nov, 586-85c; Jan, 593c. SOYABEAN OIL: Jan, 20.02-05c; March, 20.32-27c; May, 20.50c; July, 20.60c; Aug, 20.65c; Sept, 20.45-50c; Oct, 20.15-20c; Dec, 20.15c; Jan, 20.10-15c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Jan, $162.30; March, $163.00-3.20; May, $165.20-5.60; July, $167.20; Aug, $167.50-8.00; Sept, $165.00-5.30; Oct, $163.90; Dec, $163.60-3.80.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—Wheat futures closed 3¼ to 3½ cents a bushel higher. WHEAT: March, 277½-77c; May, 283-82½c; July, 286½-87c; Sept, 290c; Dec, 299c; March, 306c nominal. MAIZE: March, 222½-¼c; May, 226½c; July, 228½c; Sept, 227½c; Dec, 228½-¼c; March, 246½c. OATS: March, 129c; May, 138½c; July, 135½c; Sept, 135c; Dec, 136½c nominal.

	Jan 6	Jan 5
Allied Chem	40½	41⅛
Allied Stores	20⅝	21
Allied Supermkt	2⅛	2⅛
Allis Chalmers	23¾	24¼
Alcoa	43	44
Amax Inc	35⅛	35⅞
Amerada Hess	26⅜	26¼
Am Airlines	9⅞	10
Am Brands	42⅞	42⅞
Am Broadcast	39⅛	39⅝
Am Can	38½	38¾
Am Cyanamid	25⅞	25¾
Am Elec Power	24⅞	24½
Am Home	27¼	27⅞
Am Motors	3⅞	3⅞
Am Nat Res	44	44½
Am Standard	36⅞	37
Am Telephone	59⅞	60
AMF Inc	16¼	16⅞
Armco Steel	27⅞	28⅜
Asarco	14½	14⅞
Ashland Oil	30¼	30⅞
Atlntic Richfield	49	49⅞
Avco	16¼	16⅞
Avon Products	46½	46¾
Babcock & Wcox	57⅞	57¼
Bankers Tst NY	34½	34⅞
Bank of America	21⅛	22⅛
Bank of NY	30⅞	30⅞
Beatrice Foods	24	24⅛
Bell & Howell	14⅛	14⅛
Bendix	35¾	36¼
Bethlehem Steel	20⅞	21⅛
Boeing	26⅞	27⅞
Boise Cascade	27⅞	25
Borden	30⅞	30¼
Borg Warner	26⅞	27⅛
Bristol Myers	32⅞	32¾
BP	16⅞	16⅛
Budd	31	24
Burlington Ind	20½	20¼
Burlington Nthn	40¼	41
Burroughs	68¼	70⅛
Campbell Soup	33¼	33⅞
Canadian Pacific	15⅛	15⅞
Caterpillar	52½	53¼
Celanese	39⅞	40⅛
Central Soya	13⅞	13½
Charter NY	27¾	28
Chase Manhat	28⅞	28⅞
Chem Bank NY	41⅛	41⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	32½	32½
Chrysler	12⅞	12⅞
Citicorp	22	22⅞
Cities Service	50⅛	51⅛
Clark Equip	34⅛	34¼
Coca Cola	36⅞	36⅞
Colgate	20⅞	21⅛
CBS	47⅞	48½
Columbia Gas	28¼	28¼
Combustion Eng	36	36¼
Comwlth Edison	28¼	28⅛
Cons Edison	24⅞	25⅛
Cons Foods	24⅞	24½
Cons Power	23⅞	23⅞
Continental Grp	33⅞	33⅞
Continental Oil	28⅛	28½
Control Data	25⅞	26⅞
Corning Glass	49⅞	50⅞
CPC Intnl	45	45½
Crane	25⅞	25⅞
Crocker Int	24⅛	24¼
Crown Zeller	32¼	33¼
Dart Ind	35⅞	36
Deere	24½	24⅞
Del Monte	25¼	25¼
Delta Air	38	38⅛
Detroit Edison	16⅞	16⅞
Disney	37¼	38¼
Dow Chemical	25⅞	25⅞
Dresser Ind	42½	43⅞
Duke Power	21⅛	21½
Du Pont	111½	112⅞
Eastern Air	6⅛	6
Eastman Kodak	49⅞	49⅞
Eaton Corp	36	36¼
El Paso Nat Gas	15⅞	16⅛
Equitable Life	26⅞	26½
Esmark	28¼	29⅞
Evans P. D.	16¼	16⅛
Exxon Corp	45⅞	46
Fed Dept Stores	37⅛	38¼
Firestone	15½	15¾
Fst Chicago	18⅞	18¼
Fst Nat Boston	24⅞	24⅞
Fst Penn Corp	16½	16⅞
Ford	43¾	43⅞
GAF Corp	10¾	10⅞
Gamble Skogmo	26¾	26⅞
Gen Dynamics	43⅞	44½
Gen Electric	47¼	47⅞
Gen Foods	30⅞	31¼
Gen Mills	26⅛	26⅞
Gen Motors	59⅞	60⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	20⅞	21
Gen Tel Elec	30⅞	30⅞
Gen Tire	23⅞	23
Genesco	4	4
Georgia Pacific	26	26⅞
Getty Oil	170	171½
Gillette	24	24
Goodrich	19⅞	19⅞
Goodyear	17	17
Gould Inc	27¼	27⅞
Grace	26⅞	26⅞
Gt Atlntc & Pacific	8⅞	8⅞
Greyhound	12⅞	13
Grumman Corp	17	18⅞
Gulf Oil	25⅞	26⅞
Gulf & West	11½	11⅞
Heinz H. J.	35⅞	35⅞
Hercules	12⅞	12⅞
Honeywell	44	44⅞
IC Inds	23⅞	24⅞
Ingersoll	53⅞	54⅞
Inland Steel	38⅞	38⅞
IBM	267	268⅞
Int Harvester	28⅞	29⅞
INCO	16⅞	16⅞
Int Paper	40¼	40⅞
Int Tel Tel	30⅞	30⅞
Jewel Co	19⅞	19⅞
Jim Walter	29⅞	30¼
Johns-Manville	30⅞	31½
Johnson & John	71⅞	73⅞
Kaiser Alumin	30⅞	31
Kennecott	21¼	21¼
Kerr McGee	48	48½
Kimberly Clark	39¼	41¼
Kraftco Corp	44	44⅞
K Mart	25⅞	26½
Kroger	25	25½
Ligget Group	27	27½
L.T.V. Corp	5⅞	6
Litton	15	14⅞
Lockheed	13⅞	13⅞
Lucky Stores	13⅞	14
Manuf Hanover	32⅞	32⅞
Mapco	34⅞	36⅞
Marathon Oil	47	47⅞
Marine Midland	13	12⅞
Martin Marietta	23⅞	24⅞
McDonnell	24⅞	25½
Mead	20½	21
Merck	52⅞	53⅞
Minnesota Mng	46⅞	47⅞
Mobil Oil	60⅞	60⅞
Monsanto	53	55
Morgan J. P.	42⅞	42⅞
Motorola	36	36⅞
NCR Corp	38⅞	37⅞
NL Industries	17	17⅞
Nabisco	45⅞	47⅞
Nat Distillers	20⅞	21
Nat Steel	32⅞	33⅞
Norfolk West	26⅞	26⅞
NW Bancorp	22⅞	22⅞
Norton Simon	18⅞	19⅞
Occidental Pet	21⅞	22⅞
Ogden	24⅞	25⅞
Olin Corp	16	16⅞
Owens-Illinois	21⅞	22⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	23½	24
Pan Am	4⅞	5
Penney J. C.	35⅞	35⅞
Pennzoil	28	28
Pepsico	26½	27⅞
Pet Inc	34	34½
Pfizer	26⅞	27⅞
Phelps Dodge	20⅞	21⅞
Philip Morris	58⅞	59⅞
Phillips Petrol	29⅞	30⅞
Polaroid	24⅞	25⅞
PPG Ind	26⅞	26⅞
Proctor Gamble	83⅞	83⅞
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅞	22⅞
Pullman	26⅞	27⅞
Rapid American	6	6
Raytheon	31½	32⅞
RCA Corp	24⅞	24⅞
Republic Steel	22⅞	22⅞
Reynolds Ind	55⅞	58⅞
Reynolds Metal	31⅞	31⅞
Rockwell Int	28⅞	28⅞
Royal Dutch	55	56⅞
Safeways	39⅞	39⅞
St Regis Paper	28⅞	30⅞
Santa Fe Ind	37⅞	38⅞
SCM	17	17
Schlumberger	70⅞	71
Scott Paper	13½	13½
Seaboard Coast	32⅞	33½
Seagram	21⅞	21⅞
Sears Roebuck	26⅞	26⅞
Shell Oil	30⅞	32⅞
Shell Trans	40⅞	40⅞
Signal Co	29½	30⅞
Singer	19⅞	19⅞
Sony	7⅞	7⅞
Sth Cal Edison	26⅞	26½
Southern Pacific	34⅞	34
Southern Rly	47	48
Sperry Rand	33⅞	35½
Squibb	22⅞	23⅞
Std Brands	25⅞	25⅞
Std Oil California	37⅞	37⅞
Std Oil Indiana	46⅞	47½
Std Oil Ohio	70	70⅞
Sterling Drug	13⅞	14⅞
Stevens J. P.	15⅞	15⅞
Stude Worth	44⅞	45⅞
Sunbeam Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Sun Comp	41	41⅞
Sundstrand	32⅞	34½
Teledyne	58⅞	58½
Tenneco	29⅞	30
Texaco	26⅞	26⅞
Texas East Trans	43⅞	45
Texas Inst	69⅞	70½
Texas Utilities	21⅞	21⅞
Textron	26	26⅞
TWA	9⅞	10⅞
Travelers Corp	29	30⅞
TRW Inc	30⅞	31⅞
UAL Inc	19⅞	20⅞
Unilever Ltd	42⅞	42⅞
Unilever NV	53⅞	53⅞
Union Bancorp	13	13
Union Carbide	39⅞	40⅞
Union Oil Calif	50⅞	50⅞
Un Pacific Corp	46½	47½
Uniroyal	7⅞	8⅞
United Brands	7⅞	7⅞
US Industries	7⅞	7⅞
US Steel	30⅞	31⅞
Utd Technol	34⅞	35⅞
Wachovia	15⅞	15⅞
Warner Comm	31⅞	32⅞
Warner Lambert	25⅞	25⅞
Wells Fargo	28⅞	28½
West'n Bancorp	31⅞	32
Westnghse Elec	17⅞	17½
Weyerhaeuser	26⅞	26⅞
Whirlpool	21⅞	21⅞
White Motor	7½	7⅞
Woolworth	18	18⅞
Xerox Corp	45⅞	46⅞
Zenith	13⅞	13½

Canadian Prices

	Jan 6	Jan 5
Abitibi	10½	10⅞
Alcan Alumin	27⅞	28
Algoma Steel	14⅞	14⅞
Bell Telephone	53⅞	54⅞
Cominco	27⅞	28⅞
Cons Bathurst	21⅞	21½
Falconbridge	19	19⅞
Gulf Oil	28⅞	28⅞
Hawker Sid Can	6.25	6.25
Hudson Bay Min	16⅞	16⅞
Hudson Bay Oil	43	44⅞
Imasco	30½	30⅞
Imperial Oil	20⅞	20⅞
Int Pipe	14	14
Mass.-Fergsn	15⅞	15½
Royal Trust	16⅞	16⅞
Seagram	23½	24
Steel Co	24⅞	24⅞
Talcorp	8⅞	8⅞
Thomson N 'A'	12	12
Walker Hiram	29½	29⅞
WCT	33½	34⅞

*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9175 (1.9050); three months, 1.9135 (1.9094); Canadian dollar, 91.38 (91.47).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was off 2.14 at 344.37. The futures index was off 0.38 at 356.65.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 793.49 (804.92); transportation, 210.17 (213.97); utilities, 109.24 (110.52); 65 stocks, 276.61 (280.71).

New York Stock Exchange index, 50.64 (51.25); industrials, 54.19 (54.88); transportation, 39.07 (39.72); utilities, 39.92 (40.18); financial, 51.67 (52.84).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¾ 1984	96	96½
Australia 8½ 1992	96	96¾
Aust Mining 9¾ 1993	99	99½
Avco 9½ 1983	100	100½
Barclays 8½ 1992	97½	98¼
Bowater 9½ 1993	98¼	99
British Gas 9 1981	102½	103¼
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	97	97½
Citicorp 7 1981	97	97½
CECA 8¾ 1989	97	97½
CECA 8¾ 1997	97½	98½
DSM 8½ 1987	96½	97½
Elf Aquitaine 8¾ 1985	97	97½
Elo 8¾ 1987	97½	98½
EEC 7¾ 1984	96¼	97¼
Fisons 8½ 1992	96	96½
Gotaverken 7¾ 1982	98¼	99
Gotaverken 8½ 1987	95½	96¼
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	97¼	98
ICI 8½ 1987	97¼	98
IU O'seas 8¾ 1987	97	97½
Light-Services 9 1989	98	98¾
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	99¼	100
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	98	98½
NCB 8 1987	95½	96
Nat West 9 1986	102¼	103½
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	96	96½
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	99½	100½
Occidental 8½ 1987	98½	99¼
Occidental 9¾ 1981	102½	103½
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97½	98¼
Quebec 9 1995	97	97½
Rank Hovis 9 1992	96½	97
R. J. Reynolds 7½ 1982	98½	99½
Sandvik 9½ 1986	100	100½
Statsforetag 7¾ 1982	97¼	98
Sundstrand 8¾ 1987	99	99½
Sweden 7½ 1982	98	98½
Sweden 8½ 1987	96½	97½
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	97¼	98½
Walter Kidde 8½ 1985	97½	98½
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7½ 1984	96½	96½
CCF 6½ 1985	99	99½
IBJ 7 1982	99½	99½
LTCB 6½ 1982	99½	99½
OKB 6½ 1985	99½	99½
Soc Gen 7 9/16 1984	97½	97½
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1982	99½	100½
BNI-RT 8½ 1982	98½	99½
Ford 8½ 1984	99½	100
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	99½	100½
Rank 9½ 1982	100½	101½
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	99½	100½
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6½ 1.7.83	105	107½
ICI 6½ 1.5.87	105	105½
New Zealand 6½ 1.5.83	106½	106½
Phvrn 6½ 1.9.89	102½	102½
Quebec Hydro 6½ 16.8.87	101½	101½
CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	79½	81½
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	93	97
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	109	111
Beecham 6¼ 1992	101	102
Borden 6¼ 1991	108½	110½
Carnation 4 1988	78	80
Chevron 5 1988	117½	131½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	84	86
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	80	82
Ford 5 1988	82	84
Ford 6 1986	96½	97½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	81	83
Gillette 4¼ 1987	77½	79½
Gould 5 1987	110	112
Gulf & Western 5 1988	76	78
Honeywell 6 1986	86	88
ICI 6¾ 1992	87	88
INA 6 1997	94½	95½
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	106	107
ITT 4½ 1987	76	78
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	164	166
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	115½	117
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	97½	97½
Nabisco 5½ 1988	99½	101½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	75	77
Revlon 4¾ 1987	110	112
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	85	87
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	84½	85½
Squibb 4¾ 1987	73	75
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	119½	121½
Texaco 4½ 1988	76½	78½
Union Bank of Switz 3¾ 1987	129½	131½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	80	82
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76	78

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Bath City of 11½% 1985 (£98½d)	103⅞
Cardiff City 11 Pd 1986 (£100)	101¼
Farmer S W 25p Ord (104)	121
Grampian Reg Cncl 11½% 1985 (£99)	101
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	65-7
Mid Kent Wtr 7½% 1982 (£)	12½
St Helens 11½% 1995 (£98½d)	123¼
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10½% 1999 (£35c)	135½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Com Bnk Aust ($A2.25)		45 prem-5
Nat Bnk of Aust ($A1.75) (Mar 3		50 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £15 paid. d £20 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £35 paid. j £40 paid. j £60 paid.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
34.1	24.2	Abbey Capital	32.9	35.0	3.11
48.3	38.7	Abbey General	46.3	49.3	3.59
40.3	29.8	Do Income	38.3	40.7	5.29
34.6	27.6	Do Invest	33.9	36.1	4.07
		Albsn Trust Managers Ltd. Durrant Hse, Chiswell St, E.C.1 01-588 6375			
76.3	57.4	Albsn Trust (3)	71.7	75.4	4.25
64.9	47.9	Do Inc (3)	61.2	65.8	6.50
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
73.7	53.6	Allied Capital	71.0	75.5	4.14
67.6	50.8	Do 1st	65.3	70.3	5.11
67.2	48.3	Brit Ind 2nd	65.1	69.0	5.22
39.0	27.8	Growth & Inc	37.0	39.5	5.66
35.6	24.0	Elec & Ind Dev	32.0	34.2	4.91
40.4	32.4	Met Min & Cmdty	37.1	39.6	5.75
62.6	45.4	High Income	61.9	66.1	6.73
39.4	28.2	Equity Income	38.7	41.3	6.70
24.8	23.0	International	21.5	23.0	2.50
66.4	44.0	High Yield Fnd	66.4	70.9	7.89
109.2	79.1	Hambro Fnd	104.5	111.9	5.09
56.7	39.5	Do Income	54.4	58.1	6.22
86.0	52.4	Do Recovery	86.0	91.9	4.90
33.1	17.3	Do Smaller	32.9	35.1	4.88
123.1	80.7	Do Accum	118.4	126.5	4.12
40.4	24.3	2nd Smaller	40.4	43.4	5.30
58.8	47.8	Secs of America	44.7	47.9	1.13
34.1	31.0	Pacific Fnd	29.0	31.0	3.22
57.1	45.9	Overseas Fnd	52.6	56.2	4.85
204.2	128.3	Exempt Smaller	204.2	211.9	5.58
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd. 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY 01-236 5281			
33.2	24.7	Compound (1)	32.3	34.8	8.02
46.5	32.5	Do Accum (1)	45.3	48.9	8.02
33.2	24.9	9½% W'Draw	32.3	34.8	8.02
118.9	101.3	Extra Income	112.1	121.2	10.30
42.1	31.5	High Income	41.4	44.8	9.03
55.0	39.8	Do Accum	54.1	58.5	9.03
26.3	23.8	Arbuthnot Pref	25.2	27.1	12.15
37.4	32.1	Do Accum (1)	37.4	40.3	12.15
20.8	15.5	Arbthnt Cap	19.4	21.0	..
55.6	45.1	Commodity (3)	52.0	56.1	5.03
78.8	61.0	Do Accum (3)	73.3	79.1	5.03
51.2	41.9	10% W'draw (3)	46.9	50.6	5.03
37.8	32.7	Arb Fin & Prop	37.6	18.1	3.06
42.6	31.0	Arbthnt Giants	40.6	43.9	3.32
48.4	34.9	Do Accum	47.1	51.0	3.32
35.9	25.1	Growth	34.1	36.9	3.22
49.9	28.6	Do Accum	40.2	43.5	3.22
28.1	22.1	Sector Ldrs (3)	28.1	30.8	3.79
22.2	18.3	E & Int Acc (2)	21.1	22.8	1.80
17.3	18.7	6% W'draw (2)	17.3	18.6	1.80
28.8	23.6	N Amer Int (4)	25.5	27.6	1.00
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd. 252 6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
36.8	30.7	Unicorn Amer	28.7	30.9	2.34
51.8	44.2	Aust Income	43.7	47.5	2.29
64.2	55.4	Do Accum	55.1	59.9	2.29
67.9	52.3	Unicorn Capital	65.5	70.4	4.25
111.3	72.7	Exempt	109.0	113.5	5.78
28.4	19.8	Extra Income	28.4	30.5	7.80
61.8	48.4	Financial	60.2	65.1	4.90
70.5	50.3	Unicorn '500'	70.5	76.2	5.63
31.0	22.3	General	30.7	33.0	5.90
42.0	29.2	Growth Accum	41.0	44.3	3.94
84.3	60.1	Income	83.2	89.6	5.88
41.2	27.5	Recovery	40.7	44.0	5.65
118.3	85.6	Trustee	114.6	121.9	4.95
51.9	46.8	Worldwide	45.7	49.1	2.76
66.8	46.8	B'ist Inv Fnd	63.7	66.4	4.52
73.8	50.8	Do Accum	71.6	74.6	4.52

Stock Exchange Prices

Bid stocks feature

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 3. Dealings End, Jan 13. § Contango Day, Jan 16. Settlement Day Jan 24

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
Treas 8½% 1978	100²⁵⁄₃₂	+⅛	8.953	6.033
Treas 10½% 1978	102¹¹⁄₁₆	+⅛	10.225	5.150
Exch 5% 1976-78	99¼	..	5.031	5.934
Treas 11½% 1979	105¼	+⅛	10.945	6.903
Treas 3% 1979	96	+⅛	3.125	5.815
Treas 10½% 1979	104½	+⅛	10.048	7.770
Elec 4¼% 1974-79	97	+⅛	4.382	6.121
Elec 3½% 1976-79	96⅛	..	3.636	5.664
Treas Cnv 9% 1980	102⅜	+⅛	8.747	7.530
Treas 9½% 1980	102¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅛	9.253	8.222
Treas 3½% 1977-80	95	..	3.680	5.717
Fund 5½% 1978-80	95¼	..	5.453	6.756
Exch 13% 1980	109¼	+⅛	11.966	9.112
Treas 11½% 1981	105¼	+⅛	10.873	9.270
Treas 3% 1979-81	91¾	..	3.841	6.733
Treas 9¾% 1981	101¼	+⅛	9.612	9.215
Exch 8¼% 1981	96¾	+⅛	8.516	9.337
Exch 9¾% 1981	100¼	+⅛	9.489	9.424
Exch 3% 1981	87¾	..	3.419	6.905
Exch 12¾% 1981	110¼	+⅛	11.536	9.438
Treas 8¼% 1980-82	99	+⅛	8.585	8.802
Treas 3% 1982	86¼	+⅛	3.484	6.562
Treas 14% 1982	115¼	+⅛	12.182	9.522
Treas 8¼% 1982	89½	+⅛	8.559	9.300
Exch 9¾% 1982	99½	+⅛	9.268	9.324
Exch 3% 1983	83¼	..	3.637	7.077
Treas 12% 1983	114	+⅛	10.887	9.463
Treas 9½% 1983	98¼	+⅛	9.348	9.509
Fund 5½% 1982-84	88¼	+⅛	6.183	7.960
Treas 8¼% 1984-86	96½	+⅛	8.643	9.172
Fund 6½% 1985-87	86¼	+⅛	7.592	8.796
Treas 7¾% 1985-88	88¾	+⅛	8.687	9.435
Trans 3% 1978-88	67¼	+⅛	4.433	7.518
Treas 5% 1986-89	76½	+⅛	6.821	8.690
Treas 13% 1990	114¼	+⅛	11.372	10.946
Treas 8¼% 1987-90	88¾	+⅛	9.372	9.945
Treas 11¾% 1991	105¼	+⅛	11.152	10.962
Fund 5¾% 1987-91	74¼	+⅛	7.880	9.321
Treas 12¾% 1992	111¼	+⅛	11.429	11.108
Treas 10% 1992	93¾	+⅛	10.664	10.674
Exch 12¼% 1992	112¼	+⅛	11.397	11.192
Treas 12½% 1993	109¼	+⅛	11.506	11.169
Fund 6% 1993	71¾	+⅛	8.593	9.495
Treas 13¾% 1993	119¼	+⅛	11.719	11.368
Treas 14½% 1994	127¼	+⅛	11.832	11.413
Exch 13½% 1994	113	+⅛	11.480	11.374
Treas 9% 1994	89¼	+⅛	10.250	10.568
Treas 12% 1995	105¼	+⅛	11.310	11.191
Gas 3% 1990-95	51½	+⅛	5.992	8.148
Treas 12¾% 1995	113	+⅛	11.439	11.294
Treas 9% 1992-96	89¼	+⅛	10.359	10.631
Treas 15¼% 1996	130¼	+⅛	11.959	11.596
Exch 13¼% 1996	126¼	+⅛	11.574	11.337
Redmptn 3% 1986-96	49¼	+⅛	6.149	8.519
Treas 13¼% 1997	114¼	+⅛	11.564	11.365
Exch 10½% 1997	97¼	+⅛	10.975	11.050
Treas 8¾% 1997	87¼	+⅛	10.374	10.660
Treas 6¾% 1995-98	71¼	+⅛	9.616	10.223
Treas 15½% 1998	130¼	+⅛	11.894	11.590
Exch 12% 1998	105¼	+⅛	10.568	10.721
Fund 3½% 1999-04	43¼	+⅛	8.301	9.519
Treas 8% 2002-06	80¼	+⅛	10.236	10.422
Treas 5½% 2008-12	57¼	+⅛	9.659	10.136
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	75¼	+⅛	10.197	10.279
Consols 4%	39¼	+⅛	10.813	..
War Ln 3½%	36¼	+⅛	9.623	..
Conv 3½%	38¼	+⅛	9.233	..
Treas 3%	29¼	+⅛	10.028	..
Consols 2½%	23¼	+⅛	10.540	..
Treas 2½% Aft 75	23¼	+⅛	10.900	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
Aust 5½% 76-78	101	..	5.514	6.745
Aust 5¼% 77-80	94¼	..	5.835	8.816
Aust 5½% 81-82	88¼	..	6.327	9.383
Aust 6% 81-83	85¼	..	7.068	9.410
Aust 7% 79-81	94¼	..	7.471	9.567
Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
E Africa 5½% 77-83	73	..	7.906	12.941
German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
Hungary 4½% 1924	42	..	..	..
Ireland 7½% 81-83	87¼	..	..	..
Jamaica 7½% 77-79	95¼	..	8.082	11.031
Japan Ass 4% 1910	362	..	..	..
Japan 6% 83-88	79	..	..	..
Kenya 5% 78-82	76	..	6.576	12.095
Malaya 7½% 78-82	86	..	9.035	12.537
N Z 6% 76-80	96½	+¼	6.362	8.983
N Z 7½% 88-92	74	..	9.789	10.991
N Z 7½% 83-86	87	..	8.661	9.913
S Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.722	10.300
Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.722	10.300
Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
S Africa 9½% 79-81	93	..	..	..
S Rhd 2½% 65-70	62	..	..	..
S Rhd 4½% 87-92	54	..	..	..
S Rhd 6% 78-81	60	..	..	..
Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
Tang 5½% 78-82	80	..	7.384	12.794
Uruguay 3½%	61	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
L C C 5% 1920	28¼	+¼	17.706	..
L C C 5½% 80-83	84½	..	6.002	9.107
L C C 5½% 77-81	92¼	..	5.953	7.645
L C C 5½% 82-84	84¼	..	6.512	8.700
L C C 5½% 85-87	75	..	7.368	6.825
L C C 6% 75-78	99¼	..	6.004	7.052
L C C 6½% 76-79	96¼	..	6.232	8.504
L C C 6½% 88-90	77¼	..	8.613	9.894
G L C 6½% 90-92	73¼	..	9.225	10.458
G L C 9½% 80-82	98¼	..	9.602	9.850
G L C 12½% 1982	107¼	..	11.640	10.380
G L C 13½% 1983	111¼	..	11.728	10.385
C of L 6% 75-78	100	..	6.498	6.512
C of L 6½% 80-82	86	..	7.546	10.468
Ag Mt 7½% 81-84	89¼	..	8.402	9.635
Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	73¼	..	10.333	11.320
Ag Mt 6% 85-90	73¼	..	9.307	10.885
Belfast 6½% 77-80	91¼	..	7.181	10.021
Brighton 6½% 76-79	96¼	..	6.634	8.165
Camden 6½% 77-79	98¼	..	6.617	8.117
Croydon 6½% 78-82	88¼	..	7.561	10.181
Edin 6½% 77-79	96¼	..	6.808	7.958
Glasgow 9½% 80-82	97	..	9.562	10.038
Galen 6½% 76-78	101	..	6.781	6.798
Liverpl 13½% 1981	108¼	+¼	12.341	10.272
Met Water B 3% 34-03	32¼	..	9.606	11.271
N I 7% 79-80	95¼	..	7.340	13.785
N I 6½% 82-84	84½	..	8.376	10.846
N I Elec 6½% 81-83	86	..	7.747	10.707
Kent 5½% 76-78	100	..	6.390	6.363
Sthend 5½% 77-79	97	..	5.404	8.281
Swark 6½% 83-86	84¼	..	8.082	9.579
Surrey 6% 78-80	94¼	..	6.352	8.796

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
Investment Dollar Premium 66½% (70½%)					
Premium Conversion Factor 0.8809					

FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	41	Bayer	141	-½	197	4.6	18.2
	11¼	Commerzbank	£12⅝	..	44.2	3.5	14.6
	12½	Cp Fn Paris	£18½	..	167	10.1	6.0
	43	EDES	£46	..	280	6.1	..
	14	Ericsson	£17¼	..	69.2	3.9	20.0
	6	Finsider	6½	..	..	..	..
	4½	Granges	£4¾	..	..	..	..
	385	Hoechst	383	-5	19.7	5.1	13.3
	8	Montecatini E	8	..	..	..	..
	485	Robeco (LS	488	-1	29.7	6.1	27.8
	337	Rolinco Subs £LS	337	..	..	..	43.5
	30	Snia Viscosa	30	..	..	..	..
	710	Thyssen-Huette	710	-10	..	..	12.7
	42	Volkswagen	£53	-½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	8½	Brascan	£9	+⅛	57.4g	6.4	4.6
	5⅝	BP Canada	£9⅝	..	..	..	..
	10¼	Can Pac Ord	£10⅝	..	47.0	4.6	7.9
	10¼	El Paso	£10½	..	41.7	4.0	19.7
	20½	Exxon Corp	£25½	..	..	..	..
	17	Fluor	£20¼	..	63.7	2.7	10.3
	17¼	Hollinger	£17¼	..	..	..	..
	25⅜	Hud Bay Oil	£28⅞	-1½	28.9	1.1	49.5
	14¼	Husky Oil	£15⅜	..	..	..	..
	11	INCO	£11⅝	..	56.3	5.1	7.2
	7	IU Int	£7⅞	..	52.4	7.4	9.7
	20	Kaiser Alum	£20	..	81.4	4.1	..
	9½	Massey-Ferg	£9⅝	..	58.1	6.3	2.7
	12¼	Norton Simon	£12⅝	..	43.7	3.4	10.2
	20	Pacific Petrol	£23⅝	..	..	..	..
	17¼	Pan Canadian	£22⅝	..	..	..	..
	130	Steep Rock	150	+8	..	..	..
	8¼	Trans Can P	£8⅝	..	..	..	..
	19¼	US Steel	£20⅝	..	..	..	..
	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
	7½	Zapata Corp	£11⅛	+1	15.7	1.4	5.6

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	185	Alexs Discount	280	..	22.0	7.9	53.1
	350	Allen H & Ross	530	..	46.5	8.8	8.5
	98½	Allied Irish	168	+6	10.0b	6.0	5.0
	108	Arb-Latham	158	..	14.3	9.1	10.4
	236	ANZ Grp	237	+2	11.6b	4.9	6.0
	14¼	Bank America	£14⅝	..	49.3	3.4	11.6
	202½	Bk of Ireland	360	+6	20.1b	5.6	6.8
	18	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	1.1	5.6	8.0
	270	Bk Leumi UK	270	..	11.2	6.6	14.9
	370	Bk of NSW	400	..	18.6	4.7	7.6
	223	Bk of Scotland	315	+5	16.5	5.2	8.2
	22	Bnks Tst NY	£22⅝	-⅛	175	7.8	8.1
	227	Barclays Bank	345	-3	16.4	4.7	8.6
	115	Brown Shipley	200	..	14.0	7.0	7.4
	225	Cater Ryder	312	..	26.6	8.5	..
	18¼	Chase Man	£18⅝	..	128	6.8	9.0
	14½	Citicorp	£14½	..	61.7	4.3	7.7
	51¼	Clive Discount	84	+1	7.2	8.6	9.5
	175	Com Bk of Aus	180	..	10.3	5.7	8.4
	115	Com Bk of Syd	122	..	8.3	6.7	..
	12¾	CC De France	£13¹³⁄₁₆	-⅛	131	9.4	9.6
	¾	First Nat Fin	2	+⅛	..	..	..
	7	Fraser Ans	11¾	..	..	..	..
	130	Gerrard & Nat	194	-1	12.4	6.4	8.5
	37	Gibbs A.	45	..	3.0	6.6	16.9
	161½	Gillett Bros	253	..	23.4	9.2	11.8
	58	Grindlays Hldgs	120	+1	4.9	3.9	6.4
	150	Guinness Peat	212	+2	15.1	7.1	10.5
	12	Hambros £10	£18	..	144	8.0	..
	142	Do Ord	217	..	14.4	6.6	8.3
	74	Hill Samuel	99	+1	6.7	6.8	8.5
	231	Hong K & Shang	236	-1	7.7b	3.2	20.3
	54½	Jessel Toynbee	84	..	6.2	7.4	..
	115	Joseph L.	180	..	12.0	6.7	8.9
	21	Keyser Ullmann	49	+4	0.5	1.0	..
	42	King & Shaxson	73	..	5.1	7.0	7.0
	76	Kleinwort Ben	114	+4	5.9	5.1	9.5
	165	Lloyds Bank	295	-3	13.2	4.5	6.0
	92	Mercury Secs	135	+8	5.1	3.8	6.7
	245	Midland	395	-3	20.6	5.2	6.8
	39	Minster Assets	63½	..	5.3b	8.4	9.2
	179	Nat of Aust	180	-5	8.7	4.8	7.8
	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	79	-1	4.0	5.1	5.8
	205	Nat W'minster	295	-3	16.5	5.6	6.9
	29	Ottoman	£40	..	250	6.3	11.2
	45	Rea Bros	60	..	2.4	4.0	12.8
	15	Royal of Can	£15¹⁵⁄₁₆	-¼	70.3	4.5	12.2
	260	Schroders	430	+6	15.7	3.6	15.2
	166½	Seccombe Mar	250	+10	18.7	7.5	7.4
	58	Smith St Aubyn	92	..	7.3	8.0	..
	293	Standard Chart	422	+6	27.6	6.5	6.0
	285	Union Discount	470	..	32.4	6.9	18.9
	31	Wintrust	66	..	4.6	6.9	26.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
	58	Allied	91	..	6.0n	6.5	13.0
	87	Bass Charrgton	168	+2	7.3	4.6	10.6
	36	Belhaven Grp	41	..	..	..	..
	79¼	Bell A.	226	..	7.4	3.3	9.1
	82	Boddingtons	140	+2	5.9	4.2	14.9
	44	Brown M.	105	+2	5.9	5.5	12.6
	98	Bulmer H. P.	137	..	4.9	3.6	8.1
	76	Burtonwood	156	+4	4.8	3.1	10.9
	40	C of Ldn Dfd	63	..	3.6	5.8	24.8
	100	Devenish	150	+5	8.9	6.0	7.9
	118	Distillers	177	..	9.9	5.6	11.2
	190	Glenlivet Dist	508	..	6.4	1.3	24.1
	56	Greenall	104	..	4.0	3.8	10.5
	152	Greene King	225	..	10.9	4.8	12.6
	124	Guinness	192	+1	10.6	5.5	9.2
	95	Hardys & H'sons	143	..	10.6	7.4	9.6
	33	Highland	141	+3	4.4	3.1	21.0
	35	Invergordon	98	+1	3.2	3.3	11.6
	42	Irish Distillers	132	+10	5.4	4.1	20.6
	31	Marston	53	..	2.6	4.9	8.2
	46	Scot & Newcastle	69½	+1½	4.7	6.8	15.0
	12¼	Seagram	£14¼	-⅛	45.7	3.2	10.3
	40	SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.6	4.2
	42	Tomatin	103	..	4.1	4.0	30.3
	228	Vaux	413	+5	24.4	5.9	10.7
	58½	Whitbread 'A'	96½	+2	5.6	5.8	11.0
	60	Do B	97	+2	5.6	5.8	11.0
	56	Whitbread Inv	86	..	5.7	6.6	24.2
	174	Wolverhampton	200	+4	8.7	4.3	11.8

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	122	..	8.3	6.8	9.0
112	56	AB Electronic	112	..	7.6	6.8	7.7
79	25	AC Cars	79	+1	1.5	3.8	9.5
84	32	AGB Research	82	..	3.5	4.2	13.7
225½	134	APV Hldgs	222	..	8.1	3.7	9.8
71	43	Aaronson Bros	64	-2	2.8	4.4	7.3
114	62	Acrow	114	..	2.6	2.3	10.0
99	52	Do A	95	..	3.6	3.9	10.8
41	22	Adda Int	33	+3	0.4	2.1	..
292	150	Adwest Group	270	+2	15.2	5.6	7.5
63	34	Aeron & Gen	58	..	3.5	6.0	10.3
42	42	Airfix Ind	49	..	4.6	9.3	6.5
131	75	Albright & W	102	+1	6.5	6.4	6.6
98	69	Alcan 10½%	£97¼	..	1050	10.7	..
122	71	Do 9% Cnv	£118	-1½	900	7.6	..
300	235	Algemene Ind	290	..	19.7	6.8	10.7
77	41	Allen E. Balfour	57	..	6.6	11.5	..
56½	25½	Allen W. G.	54	..	3.9	7.2	6.0
106½	44½	Allied Colloids	96	-2	2.3	2.7	15.0
90	42	Allied Insulators	69	-1	6.3	9.3	7.3
23½	7½	Allied Plant	17½	..	1.1	7.9	8.1
50	21	Allied Polymer	50	..	3.4	6.7	24.5
185	72½	Allied Retailers	185	+1	12.1	6.5	9.0
46	15	Alpine Hldgs	45	..	2.5	5.5	5.9
292	210	Amal Metal	272	..	21.5	7.9	5.3
135	57¼	Amal Power	125	+1	8.0	6.2	7.2
30	21	Amber Day	29½	..	2.9	9.6	5.2
15	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	14	..	0.6e	4.7	2.4
80	41	Anchor Chem	77	..	4.6	5.9	7.9
57½	34	Anderson Strath	53½	..	3.9	7.2	7.3
90	49½	Anglia TV 'A'	90	+3	6.0	6.6	7.9
540	390	Anglo Amer Ind	420	..	42.9	10.0	4.0
82	52	Ang Swiss Hldgs	71	..	..	..	..
82	49	Applevard	82	..	6.7	8.2	7.2
45	16½	Aquascutum 'A'	39	-½	2.1	5.4	8.8
132	60	Arlington Mtr	122	..	11.7	9.6	8.9
22½	13	Armitage Shanks	22½	..	6.5	8.9	10.5
75	39	Armst Equip	67	..	3.5	5.0	10.4
53	44	A prey G'r Pf	49	..	6.0	12.2	..
94	55½	Ass Biscuit	84	..	4.5	5.1	9.1
177	85	Ass Book	175	..	4.1	2.5	7.6
73½	45	Ass Brit Food	68	..	3.3	5.9	8.7
142	67	Ass Engineer	124	+2	7.1	5.7	6.4
62	30	Ass Fisheries	61½	+1½	5.4	8.8	12.3
62	26½	Ass Leisure	56½	-3½	4.3	7.5	10.5
196	122	Ass News	172	..	8.1	4.8	9.7
52	20	Ass Paper	51	..	4.5	8.8	..
294	153	Ass Port Cement	272	+6	13.1	4.8	9.0
219	68½	Ass Tel 'A'	218	+1	9.9	8.3	8.3
29	22	Ass Tooling	35	..	3.5	13.3	20.2
38	27	Astbury & Mdley	36	..	1.7	4.6	7.6
51	33	Atkins Bros	48	..	5.6	11.6	7.5
43	27	Audiotronic	35	+1	..	..	9.7
37	25	Ault & Wiborg	34	..	2.9	8.4	7.2
96	56	Aurora Hldgs	89	+1	7.8	8.8	4.7
79	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
113½	51	Automotive Pd	101	..	2.8	2.8	8.1
34	14½	Avana Grp	33	+1	1.6	4.7	7.2
274	123	Averys	153½	-½	8.3	5.4	9.2
197	74	Avon Rubber	195	+1	14.1	7.2	2.9
307	225	B.A.T. Ind	293	..	20.0	7.0	6.1
260	203	Do Dfd	235	..	..	..	..
64	39	BBA Grp	61	..	5.6	9.2	5.9
136	87	BICC	121	+1	10.9	9.0	13.2
82	62	BOC Int	79½	..	4.6	6.1	12.4
278	111	BPB Ind	246	+1	11.0	4.5	7.5
50	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	49	..	4.2	9.0	6.5
41¼	17½	BSG Int	41½	..	3.2	7.6	7.0
151	91	BSR Ltd	92	..	7.1	7.7	4.1
292	147½	BTR Ltd	254	-1	13.9	5.4	8.6
144	70	Babcock & W	120	-1	8.0	6.6	5.2
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	32	-1	3.5	11.1	10.0
9¼	3	Bailey C H. Ord	7½	..	0.3	4.4	58.8
169	93	Baird W.	158	-3	14.1	8.9	6.0
112	65	Baker Perkins	102	..	6.2	6.1	6.1
53	42	Bambergers	47	+1	4.5	9.6	5.3
15	3½	Barker & Dobson	14½	..	..	..	..
208	144	Barlow Rand	185	-5	16.5	9.0	3.8
72	39	Barr & Wallace	72	..	5.1	7.1	7.0
70	37	Do A	70	..	5.1	7.3	7.3
127	56½	Barratt Devs	127	-5	12.2b	9.6	5.9
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	48	+1	5.6	11.6	6.5
53	40	Barton & Sons	47	..	5.0	10.5	4.4
153	60	Bassett G.	152	-1	7.5	5.1	9.4
99	30	Bath & P'land	77	..	5.0	6.5	4.3
67	34	Beales J.	59	..	4.0	6.8	4.3
173	66	Beatson Clark	172	+2	7.6	4.4	6.9
49½	29½	Beaufort Grp	45	..	4.6	10.2	7.7
73½	46	Beckman A.	72	..	6.8	9.4	5.0
690	372	Beecham Grp	673	..	28.0	4.2	14.1
82	39½	Bejam Grp	72	+1	2.2	3.1	6.8
85	54	Bemrose Corp	71	-1	5.8	8.2	6.8
71	22½	Benn Bros	64	-1	3.3	5.1	10.3
227	146½	Berisf'd S & W	222	..	12.5	5.6	3.9
56	31	Berisfords	56	..	3.4	6.1	5.9
58	36	Best & May	49	..	4.1	8.4	5.6
166	122	Bestobell	166	+4	14.3	8.6	5.6
66	25	Bett Bros	66	..	2.4	3.7	6.9
201	102	Bibby J.	200	+3	10.1	5.0	6.4
74	54	Birmid Qualcst	69	..	6.2	9.0	7.7
71	50	Birm'cham Mint	61	..	6.6	10.8	6.6
230	148	Bishops Stores	200	..	3.7	1.9	21.3
205	97	Do A NV	165	..	3.7	2.3	9.0
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	115	..	6.4	5.5	15.6
40	15	Blackman & C	19	..	..	..	33.9
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	86	+2	4.4	5.1	7.7
36	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..	..	14.9
244	122	Blagden & N	244	..	18.2	7.5	9.3
78	39	Blundell Perm	64	..	4.4	6.8	8.7
73	7½	Boardman K. O.	13	..	1.5	11.3	3.4
69	33	Bodycote	63	+1	3.4	5.4	6.1
26	17	Bonser Eng	23	-1	2.0	8.8	12.7
240	123	Booker McCon	234	+4	10.7	4.6	10.7
183	84	B'sey & Hwkes	183	..	7.3	4.0	7.5
187	87	Boot H.	137	..	12.5	9.1	6.2
242	115	Boots	231	+1	4.3	1.8	17.6
97	71	Borthwick T.	73	..	9.4	12.9	20.0
20½	14	Boulton W.	20½	+½	2.1	10.1	6.6
218	160	Bowater Corp	186	+2	14.7	7.9	8.8
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	56	..	2.3	4.0	7.1
92	62	Braby Leslie	86	..	8.0	9.2	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	73	..	8.6	11.8	13.9
75	57	Do A	71	..	8.6	12.1	13.5
40	23½	Braham Millar	39	..	2.3	5.8	5.3
39	17	Braid Grp	39	+1½	2.0	5.0	6.3
179	67½	Braithwaite	143	-1	6.1	4.3	4.0
114	44½	Brammer H.	112	..	6.4	5.7	10.4
52	38	Bremner	50	..	5.8	11.6	10.1
206	80	Brent Chem Int	200	..	3.7	1.8	16.5
39	25	Brent Walker	38	+1	1.7e	4.5	17.3
35	22	Brickhouse-Dud	34	..	3.3	9.8	6.7
172	105	Bridon	117	..	9.6	8.2	6.3
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	39½	..	3.7	9.3	7.1
43½	29	Brit Car Auctn	43½	+½	3.0	6.9	10.7
17	11	Brit Enkalon	13	..	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	229	+2	8.9	3.9	19.3
28	20	Brit Leyland	20	..	..	..	1.5
120½	80	Brit Northrop	104	..	..	..	3.7
49½	31	Brit Printing	44½	..	4.8	10.8	7.2
90	50	Brit Stm Spec	88	..	7.2	8.2	10.2
485	278	Brit Sugar	470	..	29.2n	6.2	5.2
70½	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	61	-1	4.6	7.5	8.3
57½	29½	Brit Tar Prod	57½	+1½	2.1	3.6	10.1
90	44	Brit Vita	79	-1	3.1	3.9	5.7
27½	13½	Brittains	27	+1	2.1	7.9	22.0
61	44	Brockhouse Ltd	58	..	5.5	9.5	4.7
86	41	Brocks Grp	74	..	5.1	6.9	13.1
715	410	Broken Hill	420	-5	19.3	4.6	42.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	38	..	2.4	6.3	5.9
71	35	Brook St Bur	69	..	6.4	9.2	17.9
56	38	Brooke Bond	49½	..	4.2	8.5	4.1
18	11	Brooke Tool	17	..	..	..	10.2
118	49	Brotherhood P.	105	+2	8.8b	8.3	3.7
95	54	Brown & Tawse	83	..	6.6	8.0	5.3
59	19	BBK	51	..	2.7	5.2	12.1
21½	12	Brown Bros Cp	21½	+1	1.6	7.5	12.4
281	98	Brown J.	241	+1	12.1	5.0	5.8
124	85	Bruntons	108	..	10.6	9.8	7.6
39	17	Bryant Hldgs	39	..	3.4	8.8	8.2
132	66	Bullough Ltd	120	..	8.6	7.2	5.4
48	28	Bulmer & Lumb	41	..	4.8	11.6	5.1
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	103	+5	7.4	7.2	4.1
64	35	Burco Dean	61	+1	5.6	9.2	5.9
38	22	Burgess Prod	38	+2	3.5	9.3	5.9
184	64	Burnett H'shire	167	+7	4.1	2.5	7.9
184	63	Do A NV	165	+6	4.1	2.5	7.8
39	16	Burns And'son	37	-1½	2.2	5.9	6.4
17½	9	Burrell & Co	14½	+½	1.4	9.5	7.8
180	130	Burt Boulton	175	..	15.4	8.8	5.0
126	51	Burton Grp	123	..	2.3	1.8	..
115	39	Do A	115	+1	2.3	2.0	..
75	43	Bury & Masco	73	..	6.4	8.8	10.8
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	64	..	3.2	5.0	11.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	13½	CH Industrials	32	..	2.1	6.7	5.5
59½	35½	Cadbury Sch	58	+½	4.1	7.1	11.4
107	70	Caffyns	107	+2	8.7	8.1	6.7
55	48	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
132	30	Campari	132	+1	2.8	2.1	6.8
119	64	Do B	119	+1	..	..	..
82	45½	Camrex Hldgs	71	+1	6.0	9.5	5.9
62	36	Canning W.	57	-1	5.3	9.4	8.4
136	97	Cape Ind	116	+2	11.5	9.9	3.9
74	37	Caplan Profile	64	-2	6.6	10.3	8.6
90	33½	Capper Neill	69	+½	3.2	4.6	8.0
95	33	Caravans Int	95	+2	7.0	7.4	5.0
88	35	Carclo Eng	63	+1	4.5	7.0	6.0
51	32	Carless Capel	40	..	1.3	3.3	10.3
166	50	Carlton Ind	168	..	8.3	4.9	7.8
76	49	Carpets Int	53	..	6.1	11.4	5.6
81	33	Carr J. (Don)	90	..	2.8	3.1	7.0
40	22½	Carr'ton Vly	40	+1	3.0	7.5	10.9
100	63½	Carroll P. J.	100	+6	9.2	9.3	6.0
45	28	Casket S Hldgs	40	..	3.0	7.4	4.8
23	7	Causton Sir J.	23	+2	..	..	5.7
165	98	Cawoods	142	+2	5.3	3.8	10.4
39½	12	Celestion	36½	+½	0.9	2.5	10.4
125	54½	Cement Rdstone	125	..	6.9	5.5	15.7
54	25	Cen & Sheer	47	+1½	3.4	7.2	6.4
68	42	Central Man	66	+1	4.0	5.9	3.5
231	103	Centreway Ltd	231	+2	16.5	7.1	6.5
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	34	..	3.9	11.3	2.6
58½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	56	..	4.2	7.5	7.9
31	8	Change Wares	22½	+2	..	..	..
21	17	Do Cnv Cum	20½	..	2.4	11.8	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	110	..	7.3	6.6	9.0
78	57	Christies Int	77	+1	4.5	5.8	8.1
138	93	Chubb & Sons	133	..	5.5	4.1	9.8
195	57	Church & Co	198	..	4.7	2.4	9.6
78	45	Coalite & Chem	77	-1	4.2	5.5	6.4
79	50	Coates Bros	75	+1	3.3	4.4	7.5
77	45	Do A	74	+1	3.2	4.3	8.5
83	57	Coats Patons	71½	..	4.7	6.5	5.4
130	45	Cole R. H.	130	..	5.3	4.1	9.7
62	33	Collett D'son	57	..	4.7	8.2	6.2
186	99	Collins W.	149	..	7.0	4.7	7.2
186	99	Do A	149	..	7.0	4.7	7.2
38	14	Combun Grp	37	-1	2.4b	6.6	9.1
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	92	..	4.6	5.0	10.0
169	45	Comet Radiov'n	169	+3	5.3	3.1	10.3
114	64	CompAir	97	+2	5.5	5.7	7.9
30	20	Compton Webb	27	..	2.6	9.5	4.5
28	16	Cook W.	25	..	2.4	9.4	5.5
65	37	Cope Allman	56	..	4.8	8.5	8.7
17	9	Copson F.	17	..	1.1	6.6	8.6
36	16½	Corah	36	+½	1.7n	4.7	7.8
144	54½	Coral Leisure	128	-7	9.7	7.1	11.6
83	34	Cosalt	75	..	4.7	6.2	6.7
332	134	Costain R.	278	-1	15.2b	5.4	8.7
35	8	Countryside	35	+2	0.3	0.7	..
107	73	Courts (Furn)	103	+1	4.9	4.7	7.0
107	73	Do A NV	103	+1	4.9	4.7	7.0
135	90	Courtaulds	119	-3	10.7	8.9	3.9
72	36	Courtney Pope	72	+2	3.3	4.6	10.3
73	30½	C'wan de Groot	72	..	3.5	4.9	4.1
43	23	Cowie T	43	-1	2.4	5.7	6.8
100	24	Crane Fruehauf	99	h ..	3.6e	3.7	10.7
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	31	+2	..	..	..
76	29	Crest Nicholson	76	+1	4.6	6.0	15.4
72	44	Croda Int	60½	-½	3.2	5.3	9.6
43	25	Cronite Grp	40	..	3.7	9.5	19.5
38	23	Cropper J.	37	..	1.3	3.4	..
139	90	Crosby Hse	138	+2	14.2	10.3	..
29	15	Crossland R.	26½	+½	1.9	7.3	8.5
70	45	Crossley Bldg	70	..	6.3	8.9	11.2
96	45	Crouch D.	96	+5	5.5	5.8	12.0
73	25	Crouch Grp	71	..	4.1	5.8	12.5
53	12½	Crown House	50	+½	4.7	9.3	9.7
45	25	Crowther J.	36	..	0.9	2.5	..
147	99	Cum'ns En Cv	£96	..	375	3.9	..
157	63½	Dale Electric	157	+6	4.1	2.6	15.7
17	8	Dartmouth Inv	17	..	1.2	7.2	10.6
125	70½	Davies & New	124	+3	11.1	8.9	7.1
290	150	Davy Int	261	-1	15.2	5.8	8.7
96	48	Dawson J.	96	..	9.1	9.4	11.2
550	350	De Beers Ind	410	+10	44.6	10.0	3.2
28	21	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.2	12.7	7.6
116	66½	Debenhams	109	+2	8.0	7.4	7.5
458	259½	De La Rue	455	+4	30.0	5.3	8.4
580	270	Decca	515	-10	16.1	3.1	14.7
555	251	Do A	485	..	16.1	3.3	14.2
81	40	Delta Metal	69½	..	6.8	9.9	9.4
160	66	Denbyware	83	..	8.3	10.0	..
178	82	De Vere Hotels	174	-1	6.7	3.8	32.5
105	67	Dew G.	105	h ..	7.7	4.7	8.9
62	27	Dewhurst I. J.	58	..	2.6	4.6	10.0
141	80	DRG	130	+5	9.9n	7.6	9.4
175	57	Diploma Ins	164	..	5.8	3.5	9.9
61	26	Dixon D.	56	-2	3.8	6.8	24.9
178	63	Dixons Photo	174	+3	3.3	1.9	8.5
37	20	Dixor	35	..	0.9	2.6	43.2
79	27	Dobson Park	79	-1	3.2	4.1	6.0
66	41	Dom Hldgs	66	+2	6.6	10.0	11.8
104	43½	Douglas R. M.	102	..	4.7	4.6	7.1
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	21½	..	1.6	7.6	9.9
250	165	Downing G. H.	215	..	15.7	7.2	4.7
174	93	Dowty Grp	168	+3	6.4	3.8	10.5
24	12½	Drake & Scull	24	+2	..	..	..
50	26	Dreamland Elec	41	..	3.5	8.6	12.9
19½	9	Dufaline	18	..	1.5	8.3	10.7
47	14	Dulay	38	..	2.3b	6.0	8.6
121	78	Dunlop Hldgs	91	+1	8.0	8.8	5.4
11	5½	Duple Int	10½	..	0.9	7.2	6.9
57½	37½	Duport	56½	..	4.4	8.4	4.9
134	41	Duraplpe Int	124	+6	5.7	4.6	7.6
70	26	Dutton For	50	+1½	4.3	8.5	8.5
47	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	29	..	..	..	10.2
251	172	E.M.I.	187	-1	14.0	7.5	7.0
155	34	ERF Hldgs	139	-1	5.0	3.6	4.3
47	35	E Lancs Paper	44	..	4.8	10.9	..
83	46	E Mid A Press	76	..	5.5	7.2	5.7
90	32	Eastern Prod	86	+1	6.6	7.8	6.6
106	56	Eastwood J. B.	106	+1	6.0	5.7	2.9
154	105	Edbro	126	..	8.9	7.1	5.2
42	19	Elecn Hldgs	42	..	2.6	6.3	11.5
40	32	Elec & Ind Secs	39	..	4.1	10.4	7.2
360	195	Electrocomps	345	..	7.5	2.2	15.9
22½	15	Electronic Mach	22½	..	..	..	..
120	48	Electr'nic Rent	118	+1	7.6	6.4	6.5
119	59½	Elliott B.	101	..	7.9	7.8	5.6
44	14	Elliott Grp	23	..	..	..	7.2
90	66	Ellis & Everard	90	+3	7.7	8.5	16.6
19½	14¼	Ellis & Gold	16½	+1	2.7	14.8	10.5
77	37	Elson & Robbins	74	..	4.7	6.4	5.8
202	62½	Empire Stores	187	+2	7.3	3.9	16.3
17½	4½	Energy Serv	13	..	0.3b	2.3	18.5
36	22	England J. E.	34	..	2.0	5.8	3.1
23	9½	English & O'seas	24	..	0.5	3.3	21.5
109	50	English Card Cl	84	..	4.2	5.0	4.6
109	69½	Eng China Clay	84	..	5.4	6.4	9.8
74	51	Erith & Co	70	..	7.4	10.9	7.0
220	140	Esperanza	156	-7	7.7	4.8	5.7
75	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	65	..	7.0b	11.1	5.2
112½	54	Euro Ferries	112½	..	4.2	3.8	8.8
107	52	Eva Industries	105	..	7.2	6.9	7.4
211	121	Ever Ready	175	..	6.1	3.5	9.0
95	42	Evode Hldgs	84	-1	3.2	3.8	9.7
36	14½	Ewer G.	27	+½	2.0n	7.5	10.3
17¼	7½	Excalibur	17	..	0.7	4.2	6.8
105	65	Exch Telegraph	97	..	7.7n	7.9	5.4
77½	57	Expand Metal	62	+½	5.6	9.0	6.9

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	74	..	3.9	5.2	3.7
18	7	FPA Con	18	-1	1.7	9.4	8.0
62	25½	Fairbairn L'son	57½	-½	3.6	6.1	8.5
70	37½	Fairclough Cons	69	-2	3.6	5.2	8.9
105	29	Fairview Est	105	+3	8.6	8.2	6.4
240	81	Farnell Elect	220	..	9.9	4.5	12.0
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	73	h +1	5.3	7.2	7.9
49	13	Fed Lnd & Build	40	..	3.1	7.8	11.7
36	22	Feedex Ltd	31	..	2.0	6.4	7.9
142	111	Fenner J. H.	137	..	10.2	7.4	8.4
136	45	Ferguson Ind	98	..	9.1	9.3	10.2
45	19½	Fine Art Dev	46	-1	2.8	6.0	11.0
319	150	Finlay J.	300	..	9.9	3.2	5.7
29	8	Finlay Pack	20	..	0.9	4.3	7.5
55	34	Firth G.M.	39	..	..	..	11.1
400	253	Fisons	365	..	38.5	4.8	11.3
73	45	Fitch Lovell	67	..	5.6	8.3	9.4
82	42½	Fluidrive Eng	79	..	5.0	6.3	8.5
68	20	Fodens	55	-5	3.8	6.9	3.6
143	80	Fogarty F.	141	-2	4.8	3.4	7.3
29½	15½	Folkes Hefo NV	21	..	2.1	10.0	4.9
34	20	Ford M.	34	..	3.7	10.8	14.2
259	145	Ford Mtr BDR	145	..	9.3	6.4	13.3
130	49½	Formlnster	130	..	6.0	4.6	6.2
585	410	Fortnm & Mason	585	..	31.5	5.9	9.6
212	136	Foseco Min	151	..	6.5	4.3	9.0
93	38	Foster Bros	83	..	4.3	5.2	10.7
33	18	Foster J.	29	..	2.5	8.9	9.9
94	69	Fothergill & H	83	..	9.4	11.3	9.4
46	28	Francis G. R.	45	..	5.4	11.9	8.2
77	36	Francis Ind	64	..	5.1	8.0	5.3
318	127	Freeman'n Ldn	294	+2	8.5	2.9	14.0
45	40	French T.	45	+2	3.9	8.0	4.1
35	14	French Kier	34	..	2.3b	6.7	13.9
95	53	Friedland Doggt	90	..	4.4	4.9	7.1
82	48	GEI Int	82	+1	5.9	7.1	6.5
45	32½	Gallfd Brindley	65	..	4.6	7.1	7.0
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	104	..	6.8	6.6	4.9
292	163	GEC	270	..	5.8	2.1	14.4
104½	98½	Do F Rate	£101	..	608	..	..
27	13½	Gen Eng (Rad)	19	..	1.5	8.1	5.1
330	195	Gen Mtr BDR	195	-5	11.0g	5.6	6.7
191	124	Gestetner 'A'	152	..	5.7	3.8	7.5
68	32½	Gibbons Dudley	69	+3	3.5	5.3	3.2
98	35	Gieves Grp	96	-1	6.8	7.1	9.2
240	161½	Gill & Duffus	229	-1	13.2	5.8	7.7
58	23	Glltspur Ltd	56½	..	4.1	7.2	5.8
70	26	Glass & Metal	68	..	4.2	6.4	7.1
23	13	Glass Glover	22	..	1.7	7.9	8.6
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	606	+3	15.5	2.5	12.2
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	47	..	2.5	5.9	7.3
57	34	Glossop & W.J.	52	-1	5.5	10.5	5.6
120	78	Glynwed	101½	-1	11.4	11.3	6.6
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	64	-2	5.7	8.9	12.7
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	83	..	4.6	5.5	10.9
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	85	..	4.1	4.8	9.2
22	11	Gordon L. Grp	23	+1	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	54	..	6.0	11.0	7.8
99	42½	Granada 'A'	99	..	3.0	3.0	10.6
108	67½	Grand Met Ltd	108	..	6.5	6.0	12.5
348	183	Gt Univ Stores	316	..	11.8	3.7	14.6
346	175	Do A	312	..	11.8	3.8	14.5
41½	17½	Greenfield Mill	39	..	2.7	6.9	11.4
93	65	Greens Econ	84	+1	6.4	7.7	6.5
55	28	Gripperrods	43	-2	3.6	8.3	4.8
368	260	GKN	274	..	21.6	7.8	7.8
109	71	Haden Carrier	93	..	12.0	12.9	5.6
100	55	Haggas J.	100	+5	1.0	1.0	7.8
96	62½	Hall Eng	90	..	6.4	7.1	6.1
207	99½	Hall M.	205	+1	10.0n	4.9	8.2
54	14	Halma Ltd	52	..	2.1	4.1	8.6
96	68	Hanimex Corp	96	..	4.1	4.8	4.8
161	100	Hanson Trust	151	..	9.5	6.3	7.4
51	26	Hardy Furn	35	..	0.3	0.9	..
43	23	Do A	34	..	0.3	0.9	..
59	38	Hargreaves Grp	59	+1½	4.6	7.8	9.6
53	34½	Harris Sheldon	49	..	4.3	8.7	5.3
95	45	Harrison T.C.	95	..	5.8	6.1	9.0
438	179½	Harrison Cros	362	..	18.1	5.0	8.8
86	41	Hartwells Grp	67	-2	6.7	7.7	7.4
214	113	Hawker Sidd	202	-4	5.9	2.9	8.0
71	43	Hawkins & T'son	66	-1	6.1	8.9	4.3
78	24	Hawthorn L.	74½	..	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	160	-2	7.5	4.7	16.6
34	13½	Headlam Sims	34	..	1.9	5.6	7.0
18½	6½	Helene of Ldn	18½	..	0.9	5.1	5.2
39	20	Helical Bar	29	..	3.1	10.6	17.3
84	39	Hend'son Kent	84	..	3.4	4.0	4.9
144	79	Henly's	119	+3	9.3n	7.8	6.3
100	39½	Hepworth Cer	87	..	5.0	5.7	10.1
64	29½	Hepworth J.	64	..	3.5	5.4	10.3
11½	6½	Herman Smith	9	..	0.4	4.3	37.5
143	76	Hestair	114	..	9.1	8.0	4.0
60	17½	Hewden-Stuart	52	..	1.9	3.7	9.7
22	11	Hewitt J.	21	..	1.4	6.8	4.1
87	63	Hickng P'cost	87	..	9.6	11.3	10.0
610	296	Hickson Welch	565	..	14.8	2.6	9.6
97	36	Higgs & Hill	92	+2	5.0	5.4	4.7
44	24½	Hill & Smith	36	..	3.1	8.5	4.7
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	92	..	9.9	10.7	..
300	71	Billiards	250	..	6.2	2.7	7.2
92	68	Hoffnung S.	70	..	6.4	9.2	5.1
82	35	Hollas Grp	62	+1	6.4	10.2	5.7
74	34	Hollis Bros	73	+4	6.7	9.2	6.6
148	70	Holt Lloyd	139	-1½	8.5	6.1	13.8
121	60	Home Charm	121	..	5.2	4.3	12.6
410	195	Hoover	387	..	20.5	5.3	8.4
412	195	Do A	387	..	20.5	5.3	8.4
105	56	Hopkinsons	83	..	7.1	8.6	4.5
90	26	Horizon Mid	90	+10	4.5	4.9	6.1
157	71	Hse of Fraser	136	..	6.7	4.9	13.6
70	28	Hoveringham	70	-2	2.9	4.1	14.1
62	21½	Do RV	62	+1	2.9	4.7	12.5
22	11½	Howard & Wynd	22	+3½	..	..	12.5
21	10½	Do A	21	+3½	..	..	11.9
52	30	Howard Mach	32	..	3.4	10.5	6.4
31	17	Howard Tenens	28	+½	2.6	9.3	..
71	39	Howden Grp	64½	-2½	5.6	8.7	17.9
13¹⁄₁₆	9¼	Hudsons Bay	£10¹¹⁄₁₆	-⅛	34.7	3.3	10.9
31	16	Hunt Moscrop	29	..	3.1	3.7	8.5
220	76	Hunting Assoc	218	+5	4.5	2.1	9.8
132	63	Huntl'gh Grp	118	..	3.4	2.9	9.3
65	47	Hutchison Int	49½	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
252	150	ICL	244	+10	11.3	4.6	4.5
117	75	IDC Grp	110	..	12.7	11.5	9.3
163	74	Ibstock Johns'n	148	+2	8.6	5.9	8.0
445	325½	Imp Chem Ind	355	+1	23.9	6.7	6.5
120	75	Imp Cold Store	95	-2	7.8	8.2	3.7
82½	65	Imperial Grp	76½	-½	7.6	10.2	8.4
68	46	Imp Metal Ind	59	+3	5.0	8.5	7.0
29½	17	Ingall Ind	23½	..	2.6	11.5	8.3
37	27	Ingram H.	35	-1	4.3	12.2	8.3
74½	46	Initial Services	73	..	6.6	9.0	12.3
101	37½	Int Combustion	101	h ..	12.1n	12.0	7.3
70	41½	Int Paint	62	..	3.6	5.8	5.5
131	70	Int Timber	128	+4	9.9	7.8	5.9
82	47	Inveresk Grp	80½	..	7.4	9.2	13.6
9¼	6¼	Itoh BDR	£6⅝	..	8.6	1.4	..
69	27	JB Hldgs	64	+1	1.6	2.5	5.9
24	12	Jacks W.	24	+1½	1.0	4.2	..
56	37	Jacksons B'End	56	..	..	..	..
11	3½	James M. Ind	11	+1	0.6	5.9	..
256	152	Jardine M'son	160	+1	5.5	4.1	..
189	96	Jarvis J.	189	-1	13.1	7.0	6.2
33½	16	Jessups Hldgs	33½	..	2.4	7.0	5.0
66	43½	Johnson & F B	63	..	7.1	11.3	4.6
78	27	Johnson Grp	78	..	5.9	7.6	8.3
492	307	Johnson Matt	470	-5	20.2	4.3	7.6
353	144	Johnson-Richd	346	-1	10.8	3.1	10.1
87	42½	Jones Stroud	86	..	5.6	6.5	7.5
44	21	Jourdan T.	40	..	4.0	9.9	4.3
54	27	K Shoes	54	+1	3.4	6.4	4.8
135	36	Kelsey Ind	118	..	4.9	4.2	4.8
84	40½	Kenning Mtr	80	+½	6.3n	7.9	5.7
44	21	Kent M. P.	44	..	3.1	7.1	11.9
46	11	Kitchen Taylor	45	..	..	..	..
105	32½	Kode Int	93	..	7.2	7.8	8.1
50½	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	46½	+½	1.2	2.5	20.3
274¼	131¼	Kwik Save Disc	235	..	7.9	3.4	17.9
96	62	LCP Hldgs	96	-1	7.3	7.6	8.3
82	49½	LRC Int	73	+½	4.4	6.1	7.2
110	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	109	-1	9.4	8.6	6.0
216	98	Ladbroke	210	-4	10.8	5.1	14.2
44	20½	Ladies Pride	43	..	3.3	7.7	5.4
105	27	Lafarge	93	h ..	3.0	3.3	10.3
171	70	Laing J.	153	+2	5.0	3.3	12.4
170	69	Do A	153	+2	5.0	3.3	12.4
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	80	+1½	4.5	5.6	5.4
65	43	Lake & Elliot	55	+2	5.3	9.6	13.1
39	31	Lambert H'wth	38	..	4.4	11.4	5.2
79	28	Lane P. Grp	62	+3	4.8	7.7	6.0
52½	21½	Lankro	52½	h ..	2.0	3.8	18.5
131	83½	Laporte Ind	102	..	10.3	10.0	5.7
135	84	Latham J.	121	..	10.5	8.5	5.6
116	45	Laurence Scott	117	..	7.0	6.6	6.5
106	51	Lawrence W.	102	..	9.9	9.7	7.6
64	24	Lawtex	64	..	4.4	6.8	4.2
177	122	Lead Industries	153	..	11.2	7.4	6.0
42	30	Le-Bas E.	43	..	2.5	5.9	..
25	15¼	Lee A.	24	..	2.2	9.2	9.4
138	29½	Lee Cooper	118	..	2.5	2.1	5.1
109	32½	Leigh Int	108	-2	5.5	3.3	23.9
65	30½	Leisure & Gen	61	h +1	2.0	3.2	14.3
115	60¼	Leisure C'van	115	+2	6.7	5.8	13.2
45	29	Lennons Grp	36	..	2.3	6.5	11.7
293	113	Lep Grp	245	..	5.2	2.1	7.3
92	57	Lesney Ord	63	..	4.1	6.5	4.6
60	40	Do RV	52	..	4.1	7.9	3.8
120	70	Letraset	106	+2	4.3	4.0	7.3
83	30½	Lex Services	79½	..	5.3	6.7	10.5
19	5¾	Liberty Ord	£18	..	49.5	2.6	8.7
85	33	Lilley F. J. C.	77	-2	3.8	4.9	8.0
60	30	Lincroft Kilg	58	-1	5.3	9.1	5.9
151	58	Lindustries	151	-1	13.6	9.0	8.7
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	175	+3	13.6	7.8	7.3
39	19	Linread	38	..	3.0	8.0	..
41	22	Lister & Co	41	-1	0.2	0.4	..
70	61	Lloyd F. H.	65	..	7.5	11.1	6.0
16½	8	Locker T.	15	..	1.3	8.3	6.7
14½	8¼	Do A	14	..	1.3	8.9	6.3
116	58	Lockwoods Fds	116	..	5.6	4.8	6.3
78	44	Ldn & M'land	75	-1½	7.2b	9.3	6.9
43½	24	Ldn & N'thern	29	-½	3.0b	10.4	5.4
65	39	Ldn Brick Co	76	..	4.6	6.1	8.5
167	94	Ldn Prov Post	167	..	13.6	8.2	7.7
73	31	Longton Trans	62	+2	5.2	8.4	5.6
87	40	Lonrho	78	-2	9.8b	12.5	3.0
79	50	Lonsdale Univ	79	..	6.6	8.3	10.0
51	26	Lookers	50	-1	3.8	7.6	4.2
96	44	Lovell Hldgs	82	-1	5.4	6.5	8.6
175	120	Low & Bonar	172	-2	16.5b	9.6	6.1
337	204	Lucas Ind	286	+10	12.5	4.4	7.1
30	15	Lyndale Eng	20	h ..	2.0	10.0	9.4
67	25	Lyon & Lyon	85	-2	8.1	10.7	9.2
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	111	+1	11.5	10.4	8.7

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125	33	MFI W'house	125	..	6.0	4.8	15.9
214	87	MK Electric	181	..	8.8	4.9	7.7
94	48	ML Hldgs	90	..	5.9	6.5	7.7
57	37	MY Dart	57	+1	3.3	5.9	4.1
236	138	McCorquodale	228	..	20.4	8.9	66.3
46	15	McInerney Prop	46	+2	..	..	20.3
19	11	McCleery L'Amie	12	..	..	..	..
44	25	Markay H.	44	..	4.9	11.2	14.1
94	60¼	McKechnie Bros	87½	-2½	7.5	8.6	4.9
46	31	McNeill Grp	45	+1	..	..	..
62½	37	Macpherson D.	57½	..	3.8	6.5	6.0
61	17	Madame Tussads	61	h +½	3.7n	6.1	16.1
59½	26	Mallinson Denny	58	+1	4.2	8.3	6.0
76	50	Man Agcy Music	74	..	8.5	11.5	5.0
36	11	Manch Garages	36	..	1.5	4.1	7.4
247	177	Man Ship Canal	200	..	21.6	10.8	5.8
30	14	Mang Bronze	86	+3	2.9	3.3	3.8
42	27	Manordale Grp	42	..	6.2	14.8	4.0
15	7½	Maple Hldgs	11	..	..	..	..
292	114	Marchwiel	276	..	3.2	1.9	6.3
170	95	Marks & Spencer	160	+1	6.4	4.0	19.4
99	46	Marley Ltd	92	-2	3.8	4.1	7.6
24	9½	Marling Ind	20	..	1.5	7.7	10.1
58½	31	Marshall Cav	56½	-1½	6.0	10.3	10.2
46	27	Marshall T Lov	41	..	3.5	8.6	5.3
44	26	Do A	41	..	3.5	10.4	4.4
155½	95	Marshalls Univ	144	+4	9.5	6.6	4.9
97	55	Martin-Black	57	..	6.7	11.8	5.7
240	95½	Martin-News	240	..	10.2	4.2	5.7
160	91	Martonair	158	..	8.1	5.1	9.8
85	46	May & Hassell	81	+1	4.4	5.4	5.4
122	60	Maynards	122	..	7.3	6.0	7.8
31	20	Mears Bros	31	..	2.9	9.2	5.7
21	10¼	Medminster	21	..	2.7	13.0	12.0
71	50	Melody Mills	71	+1	4.4	6.2	5.0
54	39½	Melville D & W	46	..	3.7	8.1	4.7
13	9	Mentmore Mfg	13	..	1.3	9.6	19.7
302	102	Menzies J.	302	..	7.1	2.4	16.3
302	246	Metal Box	317	+5	21.5	6.8	7.2
95	65	Metal Closures	84	..	6.0	7.2	8.1
41	13½	Metalrax	41	..	1.6	3.9	9.3
55	39	Metoy	44	..	3.2	7.3	6.3
93	44	Meyer M. L.	86	+1	6.9	8.0	3.9
43	19½	Midland Ind	42	+1	1.5	3.5	7.5
85	28	Milbury	85	..	3.9	4.6	7.3
97	50	Mills A. J.	97	h ..	4.2	4.3	11.1
125	25	Mills & Allen	121	-1	..	..	12.1
169½	96	Min Marstons	162	..	7.8	4.8	6.4
93	25	Mining Supplies	71	+5	3.7	5.3	10.4
49	30½	Mitchell Cotts	41½	+½	5.3	12.4	5.5
66	29½	Mitchell Somers	61	..	2.4	3.7	6.5
66	43	Mixconcrete	60	..	4.5	7.6	9.9
44	22¼	Modern Eng	40	..	4.0	10.0	8.4
132	97	Molins	112	..	9.9	8.8	..
86	23¼	Monk A.	86	..	5.4	6.3	9.0
50½	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£50	..	500	10.0	..
59½	40	Do 6% Ln	£60	..	625	11.1	..
231	115	Do 5% Cnv	£120	-4	500	4.2	..
57	28	Montfort Knit	57	+4	4.9	8.6	8.8
85	35	More O'Ferrall	78	-1	5.2	6.6	21.1
127	46	Morgan Cruc	127	+2	7.7	6.1	11.5
46	30	Morgan Edwds	30	..	2.9	9.6	54.5
196	92	Morgan-Grampn	196	h ..	4.0n	2.0	11.3
58	36	Morris & Blakey	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
50	33	Do A	50	..	6.2	12.5	12.0
84	44	Moss Bros	84	..	6.1b	7.2	15.2
67	46	Moss Eng	67	..	6.3	9.4	7.1
210	101	Mothercare	200	+2	4.2	2.1	23.2
13½	8	Mortlex	12½	+½	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	140	-2	9.9	7.0	9.5
212	117	Muirhead	199	-1	7.6	3.8	38.3
72	34	Myson Grp	59	..	..	..	..
113	45	NSS News	113	+3	3.2	2.8	10.3
51	27	Nathan B. & I.	49	..	4.6	9.3	10.6
67	28	Nat Carbon	48	..	..	..	..
25	12	Needlers	20	..	..	..	..
45	30½	Neepsend	43½	+½	4.5	10.6	17.3
84	37	Negretti & Zam	81	..	5.0	6.2	7.4
95	61	Neill J.	94	..	7.3	7.7	6.5
187	45	Newarthill	187	+7	6.8	3.6	13.5
72½	33½	Newman Ind	69	..	7.6	11.0	2.8
72	33	Newman Tonks	72	-2	5.5	7.6	9.2
162	98	Newmark L.	162	..	9.3	5.7	5.8
94	51	Norcros	89	..	6.2	6.9	6.9
27	11	Norfolk C Grp	27	+1	0.3	1.1	56.3
46	26	Normand Elec	44	..	4.3	9.8	14.1
100	54	NEI	88½	..	8.5b	9.6	..
126	64	Nthn Foods	126	-1	4.7	3.8	10.6
180	44	Norton & Wright	177	..	6.0	3.4	17.1
38	9	Norton W. E.	38	..	1.0	2.6	7.5
100	52	Norwest Holst	88	h +3	6.4	7.3	6.2
108	60	Notts Mfg	108	..	4.5	4.2	10.2
123	45½	Nurdin & Peacck	110	-1	2.6	2.4	15.4
26	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	26	..	2.2n	8.5	10.8

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	74	Ocean Wilsons	94	..	5.4	5.5	10.2
98	55	Office & Elect	93	+2	6.3	6.8	6.8
107	60	Ofrex Grp	107	+4	5.0	4.7	12.6
31¼	23¼	Ogilvy & M	£26	-¼	21.5	0.8	11.1
84	40	Osborn S.	75	+2	5.4	7.2	4.6
84	43	Owen Owen	73	..	4.0	5.5	7.3
51	7	Oxley Printing	47	..	3.8b	8.0	9.4
121	56½	Parker Knoll 'A'	104	+2	4.9	4.7	4.1
108	60	Parker Timber	106	+4	8.3	7.8	4.7
36	14	Paterson R.	36	..	3.5	9.6	10.4
230	136¼	Paterson Zoch	230	+10	10.6	4.6	4.8
225	117¼	Do A NV	215	..	10.6	4.9	4.0
114	62½	Pauls & Whites	114	+6	6.5	5.7	8.4
186	105	Pearson Long	179	..	8.2	4.6	9.3
207	123	Pearson & Son	203	+1	9.4	4.6	9.6
37½	24½	Do 4% Ln	£34½	..	400	11.6	..
208	152	Pegler-Hatt	164	-2	11.6	7.1	8.4
20	6	Penlland Ind	20	..	1.0	4.8	6.9
90	42	Pentos	80	+1	6.5	8.1	8.3
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£73	-2	..	..	..
172	61	Perry H. Mtrs	166	..	7.8	4.7	10.5
37	39	Petrocon Grp	75	..	6.7	9.0	6.7
64	51	Philips Fin 5½%	£68	..	575	9.9	..
11	7¼	Philips Lamps	£7¼	-¼	37.1	5.8	..
19	7	Phillips Patn	28	..	..	..	44.2
185	84	Phoenix Timber	157	+4	6.5	4.1	2.1
283	130	Photo-Me Int	245	..	6.0	2.4	5.7
75	67	P'dilly Theatre	73	..	1.6	2.2	39.5
14	11	Pickles W.	12	..	1.0	8.7	6.0
110	54	Pifco Hldgs	110	..	4.1	3.7	8.3
108	52	Do A	108	..	4.1	3.8	8.2
540	273	Pilkington Bros	480	..	16.9	3.5	7.3
66	44	Pittard Grp	66	..	4.0	6.0	5.7
128	81	Plaxtons	128	..	10.8	8.4	5.4
117	71	Pleasurama	74	..	3.1	4.1	7.1
117	62	Plessey	94	-1	7.3	7.8	9.5
15¼	7¼	Do ADR	£11¼	-⅛	..	..	..
78	42	Plysu	77	..	2.0	2.5	9.9
45	23	Poplins	45	+7	2.6	5.7	15.9
423	138	Pork Farms	423	+4	19.8b	4.7	11.1
258	158	Portals Hldgs	242	..	11.9	4.9	12.8
127	51	Porter Chad	111	+9	7.5	6.7	6.5
50	32	Portsmth News	50	+2	4.3	8.6	6.2
223	119	Powell Duffryn	184	+1	15.2	7.8	9.7
72	50	Pratt F. Eng	62	-1	7.0	11.2	7.1
88	25	Preedy A.	78	..	2.2	2.8	9.6
32	12¼	Press W.	30½	+½	1.3	4.2	7.0
165	107	Prestige Grp	159	-2	7.7	4.8	11.8
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	34	..	4.6	13.6	9.0
165	136	Pretoria P Cem	170	..	17.6	10.4	3.4
240	104	Pride & Clarke	240	+3	16.9	7.1	20.6
79	45	Priest B.	78	..	7.7	10.1	6.9
32½	18¼	Pritchard Serv	32½	+1	2.3	6.9	9.1
113	37	Pye Hldgs	112	+2	4.4n	3.9	8.4
36	23	Pyke W. J.	31	..	..	..	..
42	23	Pyramid Grp	40	+1	3.3	8.3	3.1
22⅝	14¼	Quaker Oats	£15⅛	..	58.7	3.9	9.1
30½	6½	Queens Moat	30½	+½	..	..	51.7
37	21	Quick H. J.	36½	+1½	2.5	6.8	6.4
77	31	R.F.D. Group	70	-½	2.2	3.1	6.5
65	27	RKT Textiles	65	+3	6.6	10.1	7.6
288	117	Racal Elect	200	-2	5.9	2.9	10.5
18	12	Raine Eng	16	..	1.3	8.3	7.0
20	9	Rakusen Grp	19	..	..	..	..
378	140	Rank Org Ord	258	-6	10.9	4.2	17.0
83½	38½	RHM	48½	+½	5.0	10.3	8.3
66	50	RHP	65	..	5.8	9.0	8.5
152	96	Ransomes Sims	127	+2	12.0	9.5	7.2
75	30½	Ratcliffe P. S.	75	+5	7.1	9.5	7.4
93	18¼	Ratners	91	+1	2.0	2.1	11.3
79	35	Raybeck Ltd	70	..	4.6	6.5	12.3
36½	23½	Readicut Int	35½	..	2.2	6.3	7.4
143	72	RMC	139	..	8.8	6.3	9.7
510	330	Reckitt & Colmn	442	+2	15.3	3.5	9.5
90	59	Record Ridgway	87	+1	6.8n	7.8	7.3
322	76	Redfearn Nat	322	+4	24.0	7.5	4.4
93	64	Rediffusion	91½	-½	6.5	7.1	11.6
161	86	Redland	147	+3	6.3	4.3	10.3
68	36	Redman Heenan	56	..	2.8	4.9	3.9
63	23	Reed & Smith	62	h +1	3.2	5.1	..
100	32	Reed A.	85	..	4.1	4.7	10.4
97	32	Do A NV	72	..	3.9	4.5	10.3
236	119	Reed Int	140	-6	10.7	14.1	5.7
21½	14½	Reliance Grp	17½	-½	..	..	8.7
41	23½	Reliance Knit	41	-2	4.4	10.6	3.6
88	44	Rennies Cons	45	+1	9.7	21.4	2.2
164	112	Renold Ltd	124	-2	13.3	10.6	5.4
60	35	Restmor Grp	59	-1	2.3	3.9	13.7
40	17	Renwick Grp	40	+2	..	..	8.7
94	68	Revertex	86	..	7.4	8.6	5.5
65	37	Rexmore	59	..	6.5	11.1	4.8
140	35½	Ricardo Eng	140	+4	4.0	2.8	10.5
77	37	Richards & Wall	75	..	6.2	8.2	9.2
22	14½	Rich'n-Merrell	£14½	..	51.8	3.5	10.6
64	35	Richardsons W.	56	+2	6.2	11.1	6.8
142	71½	Rockware Grp	140	-1	8.0	5.7	8.3
75	56	Rolls-R Motors	68	+3	6.5	9.6	6.9
52½	25	Ropner Hldgs	49½	-½	3.2	6.9	5.5
49	24½	Do A	45½	-½	3.2	7.1	5.4
13¼	4½	Rosgill Hldgs	12	-½	..	..	..
55	30	Rotaflex	52	..	2.5	4.7	9.8
52	22	Rotaprint	52	+3	4.2	8.1	8.6
56	32	Rothmns Int 'B'	50	..	3.1	6.2	3.1
161	80	Rotork Ltd	157	+1	3.4	2.9	5.8
172	65	Routledge & K	152	..	5.6	3.7	11.6
85	40	Rowlinson Con	85	+2	3.4	3.9	4.5
410	202	Rowntree Mac	410	-2	11.5	2.8	11.1
163	66	Rowton Hotels	162	+1	9.0	5.5	17.0
142	84	Royal Worcs	129	+1	9.0	7.0	8.8
35	14	Royco Grp	35	+½	0.8	2.2	..
39	18	Ruberoid	32	+1	3.1	9.4	10.3
90	46	Rugby Cement	86	+1	5.0	5.8	10.6
61	33	Do NV	57	..	4.2	7.7	15.5
154	58	SGB Grp	151	..	7.7	5.0	14.3
19	7¼	SKF 'B'	£17½	..	47.9	6.2	3.9
102	52	Saatchi	93	..	..	..	4.6
37½	26½	Sabah Timber	37½	..	2.3	6.2	3.7
255	130	Sainsbury J.	207	+7	8.6	4.1	13.1
20¼	16	St Gobain	£16	..	63.7	4.0	7.6
230	112½	Sale Tilney	210	..	15.5	7.4	7.0
274	116	Samuel H	274	..	11.5	4.2	13.5
267	117	Do A	265	..	11.5	4.4	13.0
64	41	Sanderson Kay	60	..	6.2	10.3	6.9
39	20	Sanderson Mur	35	+1	4.7	13.4	3.7
56	40	Sanger J. E.	54	..	6.8	12.5	10.6
119	77	Sangers	80	-1	8.8	11.0	6.2
72	38	Savoy Hotel 'A'	66	..	1.5	2.3	25.7
116	68	Scapa Grp	114	..	8.3n	7.2	4.9
297	193	Scholes G. H.	297	..	25.1	8.5	14.0
57	41	Scotcros	57	..	4.6	5.3	8.5
62	14	S.E.E.T.	62	..	2.5	4.0	4.0
37	18½	Scot Heritable	37	-1	2.0n	5.3	4.7
63	25	Scottish TV 'A'	63	..	3.4	5.3	5.2
99	55	Scot Univ Inv	99	+1	7.8	7.8	13.3
70½	33½	Sears Hldgs	66	+½	3.6	5.4	16.5
66	38	Securicor Grp	60	..	1.8	3.0	10.9
65	40	Do NV	58	..	1.8	3.1	10.5
68	46	Security Serv	69	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
68	40	Do A	68	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
20	11½	Sekers Int	19	..	2.1b	11.1	10.6
26½	10¼	Selincourt	26½	..	1.9	7.0	5.0
27	18	Senior Eng	25	+½	1.8	7.1	8.5
120	44	Serck	97½	+1	9.0	9.2	8.1
39½	25	Shakespeare J.	39½	..	2.7	6.9	6.9
27½	13	Shaw Carpets	24	..	..	..	..
101	55	Sheepbridge	81	+1	6.4	8.0	10.3
10	3½	Sherman S.	9½	..	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	97	..	8.3	8.5	13.2
165	113	Siebe Gorman	177	+4	6.0	4.5	9.9
64	30	Slemssen Hunt	63	..	4.2	6.7	9.5
175	152	Signode 7½% Cn	£158	-2	700	4.4	..
250	129	Simon Eng	220	+5	11.1	5.0	7.2
98	36	Simpson S.	86	..	5.8	6.7	7.0
92	36	Do A	84	..	5.8	6.9	6.8
57	31	Sirdar	54	+3	4.2	7.6	4.3
83	54	600 Group	71½	+½	5.9	8.2	7.2
108	55	Sketchley	107½	..	7.0	6.5	13.6
27	19	Small & Tidmas	23	..	3.1	13.4	..
18	10	Smallshaw R.	15	+1	1.5	8.6	5.0
47	21½	Smart J.	46	+1	5.5	11.5	5.8
99	25	Smith D. S.	94	..	3.6	3.9	8.1
67	39½	Smith & Neph	66½	..	3.5	5.2	14.1
166	67½	Smith W. H. 'A'	166	+4	3.1	1.9	18.7
192	120	Smiths Ind	168	+3	11.0	6.5	7.7
210	84½	Smurfit	210	+5	9.2	4.4	17.9
26	15	Sobranie	23	..	2.5	11.0	9.4
25	15	Do NV	22	..	2.5	11.5	9.0
60	42	Solicitors Law	54	..	5.8	10.7	10.5
214	156	Sotheby P B.	214	+1	12.7	5.9	9.6
172	113	Spear & Jackson	120	..	14.2	11.8	12.0
242	100	Spear J. W.	242	+1	2.6	1.2	8.4
30	14	Spencer Gears	30	..	1.7	5.5	8.2
49	27½	Spencer G.	48	..	3.4	7.1	28.2
39½	26½	Spillers	33½	+1	4.2	13.0	7.1
290	140	Spirax-Sarco	260	..	13.5	5.2	10.2
59	27	Spooner Ind	52	..	4.0	7.7	5.5
156	66	Staffs Potts	156	+2	5.4	3.4	7.5
49	12	Staflex Int	20	..	..	..	2.8
97	40½	Stag Furniture	96	-1	7.3	7.6	5.3
142	64	Stanley A. G.	138	..	8.0	5.8	17.5
260	163	Staveley Ind	232	..	13.2	5.7	7.9
360	204½	Steel Bros	360	..	17.5b	5.0	10.3
254	138	Steetley Co	197	+2	9.3	4.7	8.9
15	9	Steinberg	14½	+½	1.3	9.1	16.7
50	35	Stew't & Ll 6%	40	..	..	..	..
79	23	Stocklake Hldgs	78	-1	3.9	5.1	4.1
173	83	Stocks J. & Son	173	+3	5.9	3.4	6.4
94	60½	Stonehill	89	..	9.1b	10.2	8.4
146	93	Stone Platt	113	+2	5.5	4.9	..
174	98	Stothert & Pitt	153	-1	14.5	9.5	6.9
43½	28	Streeters	35	+1	2.6	7.3	6.3
87	56	Strong & Fisher	70	..	6.4	9.1	4.1
27	11	Sunbeam W'sey	27	..	2.6	9.7	6.8
47	28	Sutcliffe S'man	37	..	3.6	9.8	4.8
161	40	Swan Hunter	157	+3	10.3	6.6	12.9
150	71	Swire Pacific 'A'	71	..	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	17	..	1.9	10.9	10.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
26	9	Tace	25	+2	0.8a	3.1	7.4
812	620	Takeda Bdr	685	..	16.8	2.5	21.9
220	126	Tarmac Ltd	241	..	13.4	9.5	7.9
280	188	Tate & Lyle	216	+4	19.5	8.9	4.2
139	93	Tavener R'lge	121	..	8.8	7.3	7.7
79	43	Taylor Pallis	79	..	6.8	8.6	7.7
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	412	..	10.7	2.6	9.9
120	45	Tecalemit	115	+1	5.5	4.7	3.1
42	18	Telefusion	40	+2	1.8	4.4	6.5
41	17	Do A	39	+2	1.8	4.5	6.5
143	84	Telephone Rent	127	-1	8.3	6.5	11.2
53½	33	Tesco	49	+1	2.3	4.7	11.0
38	11	Textured Jersey	37	-1	..	..	54.8
139	81	Thermal Synd	134	..	10.3	7.7	10.3
763	365	Thomson Org	714	+4	9.0	1.3	75.3
450	196¼	Thorn Electric	390	..	10.1	2.6	10.6
13½	6½	Thurgar Bardex	12	..	0.9	7.8	16.0
550	405	Tiger Oats	470	+20	31.7	6.7	4.2
254	184	Tilbury Cont	254	..	27.2	10.7	8.5
122	64½	Tilling T.	111	..	6.5	5.9	9.7
128	42	Time Products	118	..	2.4	2.0	10.1
20	8	Titaghur Jute	12	..	..	..	..
19½	10	Tomkins F. H.	18	+½	1.5	8.2	6.6
51½	31	Tootal	49	+1½	3.8	7.7	11.1
36	16	Toye	36	..	1.3	3.5	21.4
50	32½	Tozer Kemsley	47	..	4.6	9.8	5.7
166	93	Trafalgar H Ltd	166	..	7.8	4.7	10.3
82	48	Trans Paper	73½	..	6.7	9.2	5.9
73	48	Transport Dev	70	..	4.5	6.4	12.6
5	2	Tranwood Grp	4¼	-¼	2.5	58.8	1.1
148	77	Travis & Arnold	145	-1	5.3	3.6	6.0
57	35	Tricoville	57	..	2.8	4.8	5.2
59	31½	Trident TV 'A'	56	..	4.2	7.8	7.0
89	50	Triplex Found	81	+2	6.8	8.1	6.4
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	197	-1	12.1	6.1	16.9
431	311½	Tube Invest	396	+2	31.8	8.0	6.5
287	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	271	..	15.6	5.7	10.1
11¼	7	Turner Curzon	10½	..	1.1	10.0	6.5
253	138	Turner Newall	221	..	14.4	6.5	10.8
128	53	Turner Mfg	103	..	6.1	6.9	9.9
72	27	Turriff	64	..	3.2	5.0	7.4
79	34	UBM Grp	75½	+½	6.4	8.5	20.2
99	54	UDS Grp	98	+1	7.3	7.4	18.0
192	143	UKO Int	168	+1	12.5	7.5	9.1
103	65	Unicorn Ind	97	..	8.3	8.5	8.8
57½	42	Unigate	57½	+½	4.8	8.4	8.1
596	412	Unilever	546	..	18.9	3.5	6.8
29⁷⁄₁₆	20⅛	Do NV	£26⅛	-⅛	116	5.6	8.1
102	55	Unitech	92	..	5.6	6.0	12.5
177	130½	Utd Biscuit	168	+1	8.2	4.9	9.5
53½	21¼	Utd City Merc	53	..	1.1	2.1	6.5
32	20	Utd Eng	31	..	3.4	10.9	8.3
63	31¼	Utd Gas Ind	53	..	5.5	10.4	8.6
336	198	Utd News	330	+3	19.7	6.0	18.6
292	91¼	Utd Scientific	282	+8	9.1	3.1	12.2
42	19	Valor	40	..	3.6	7.4	7.0
121	78	Vantona	121	+2	7.5	6.2	6.3
155	95	Vereeniging Ref	95	..	17.2	18.2	2.1
19¼	9½	Vesco	£17¼	f ..	11.6	6.7	..
165	84	Vibroplant	162	..	14.6	9.0	11.8
242	144	Vickers	192	-3	13.8	7.2	4.8
48½	26	Vita-Tex	48	..	4.8	10.3	7.0
153	71	Vosper	153	y +5	6.8b	4.5	2.6
76	37	W Ribbons	75	+3	5.0	6.7	7.1
82	70	WGI	95	..	9.8	10.2	18.4
262	111	Waddington J.	225	..	17.0	7.6	9.0
39	18	Wade Potteries	38	..	2.0	7.0	5.9
117	70	Wadkin	110	..	8.0	7.3	6.2
125	83	Wagon Ind	118	..	11.2b	9.5	8.7
17½	10	Walker & Homer	13	..	1.4	10.5	3.6
130	76½	Walker C & W	121	-1	9.1	7.5	6.6
103	32	Walker J. Gold	98	-1	3.3	3.3	7.8
102	32	Do NV	94	..	3.2	3.4	7.4
117	55½	Ward & Gold	105	..	6.2	5.9	7.5
60	39½	Ward T. W.	60	..	6.2	10.3	8.2
20¼	13	Wardle B.	18½	..	1.9	10.0	10.6
89¼	44½	Waring & Gillow	88	s ..	4.9	5.5	9.1
46	29¼	Warne Wright	42	+1	4.0	9.5	5.3
90	44	Warren J.	65	f ..	..	..	..
36	19½	Warrington T.	35	..	4.2	13.5	15.7
81	31¼	Waterford Glass	51	+2	1.8	3.5	16.5
80	30	Watmoughs	90	+5	3.8	4.3	8.9
70	36	Watson & Philip	67	..	3.5	5.1	12.7
175	105½	Watts Blake	153	..	6.4b	4.2	7.7
15	10½	Wearwell	17	..	..	..	3.8
150	61½	Weir Grp	118	-1	8.0	6.7	6.0
22	9	Wellco Hldgs	22	-½	0.8	3.5	3.7
50	31	Wellman Eng	49½	-½	3.3	6.7	8.9
44	22	Westbrick Pds	31	..	2.2	7.2	7.1
57	29	Westlnghse Brke	46½	..	3.1e	6.6	8.3
69¼	41	Westland Air	48	+1½	4.8	10.0	8.3
9	6	Westminster Inv	9	f ..	..	..	..
28	15	Wharf Mill	23	..	2.2	9.3	10.6
54	25	Whatlings	44	..	3.7	8.4	5.9
240	139	W'sheaf Dist	160	+3	11.4	7.1	8.5
50½	29	Wh'lock Mar	30	+1	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	88	-1	7.0	7.9	4.9
14	8	Whewav Watson	14	..	1.3	9.4	8.4
84	41	White Child	82	..	6.8	8.3	6.0
195	128	Whitecroft	177	..	20.0	11.3	10.9
54	18	Whiteley BSW	48	..	0.8e	1.8	18.0
135	58	Wholesale Ftg	125	..	8.0	6.4	7.3
153	95	Wigfall H.	150	..	7.5	5.0	8.1
24	11	Wiggins Constr	23	..	2.4	10.3	7.3
114	95	Wight Cons	114	..	10.2	8.9	9.6
224	129	Wilkins'n Match	214	+2	13.2	6.2	11.6
103	79	Do 10% Conv	£103	+½	1000	9.7	..
42	25¼	Wms J. Cardiff	42	+1	4.2	9.8	3.5
61	28	Wills G. & Sons	51	+2	2.2	4.4	8.2
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	88½	+3½	4.5	8.7	4.8
36½	17¼	Wilson Bros	36	+½	2.1	5.9	8.5
91	38	Wimpey G	84	..	0.9	1.1	11.2
45	24	Winn Ind	37	-½	4.8	10.9	7.6
44	29½	Witter T.	44	+1	4.4	9.9	7.9
184	92	W'dey Hughes	184	..	10.2	5.8	8.6
35	12	Wood & Sons	28	+2	0.9	3.6	5.3
45	30	Wood S. W.	45	..	6.9	13.0	..
94	63	Wood Hall Tst	83	..	7.3	7.9	8.6
254	97	Woodhead J.	216	..	10.8	4.9	6.9
32	26	W'drse-Rixson	30	-½	3.3	11.1	8.3
68	49	Woolworth	64	-½	6.0	9.3	13.0
27	15	Wrighton F.	19	-2	1.7	8.8	6.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
295	175	Akroyd & Sm	230	..	25.4	11.0	2.6
340	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	290	..	3.5	1.2	3.2
30	17	Boustead	27	..	2.3	8.4	7.5
25	6	Brit Arrow	25	+1	..	..	..
114	71	BET Dfd	114	..	7.8	6.9	8.6
263	102	Challenge Corp	107	-3	7.0	6.5	5.7
66	42	Charterhse Grp	66	+1	5.1	7.7	11.4
37½	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£27½	-¼	..	..	..
349	215	Daily Mail Tst	348	+3	18.2	5.2	21.8
342	210	Do A	342	+2	18.2	5.3	21.5
243	135	Dalgety	228	+2	17.7	7.4	6.3
34	13	Dawnay Day	30	..	1.5	5.1	11.7
23	13	Edin Ind Hldgs	15	-1	0.2n	1.0	34.1
113	78	Electra Inv	105	..	6.5	6.2	22.4
27	15	Exploration	25	..	0.6	2.6	11.0
35	27	FC Finance	35	+2	2.3	2.7	23.4
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	24	-1	1.2	5.0	..
437	260¼	Inchcape	378	-3	15.4	4.1	8.7
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	112	+2	6.0	5.3	14.9
17	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	17	..	..	..	..
120	61	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	107	..	5.0	4.6	11.3
54	26	Manson Fin	48	..	4.2	8.8	17.0
76	47	Martin R. P.	73	..	9.1	12.5	11.1
85	40	Prop Inv & Fin	80	..	6.1b	7.6	15.5
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	101	-1	6.9	6.9	11.5
120	92	Sime Darby	92	-1	4.2	4.6	8.3
67	35	Smith Bros	62	-1	6.8	11.3	12.9
750	675	Tyndall O'seas	677	..	46.4	6.9	..
55	34	Utd Dom Tst	46	-1	..	..	33.6
117	49½	Wagon Fin	93	..	6.3b	6.7	12.2
79	33	Yule Catto	77½	-5½	2.0	2.6	14.5

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
121	65	Bowring	119	..	4.2	3.5	..
58	29	Brentnall Beard	56	..	1.9	3.4	10.4
184	122	Britannic	170	+5	12.5	7.4	..
172	102½	Com Union	156	..	11.6	7.4	..
180	107	Eagle Star	166	+2	9.3	5.6	..
204	114	Equity & Law	190	+4	9.4	5.2	..
294	161	Gen Accident	250	..	12.5b	5.0	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	262	+4	14.5	5.5	..
300	185	Hambro Life	360	+3	21.2	5.8	..
270	136½	Heath C. E.	260	-2	7.5	2.9	12.0
201	125	Hogg Robinson	175	..	8.4	4.8	9.5
201	127	Howden A.	170	+3	5.6	3.3	10.5
194	105	Legal & Gen	178	+2	8.0	4.5	..
117	91	Leslie & Godwin	99	+1	6.4	6.5	11.1
150	90	London & Man	134	+2	8.2	6.1	..
150	57	Ldn Utd Inv	147	-3	5.8	3.8	12.3
290	157	Matthews W'son	207	..	13.9	6.7	9.2
192	100	Minet Hldgs	168	..	4.8	2.9	14.0
79	43	Moran C.	66	..	5.0n	7.6	7.3
292	192	Pearl	258	+6	17.3	6.7	..
322	188	Phoenix	290	-2	14.9	5.1	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	130	+4	11.8	9.1	..
130	100	Do A Br	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
128	100	Do B	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
128	100	Do B Br	124	..	11.8	9.5	..
290	116	Prudential	173	+2	9.5	5.5	..
152	94	Refuge	144	+4	20.5	7.3	..
490	290	Royal	423	-2	23.6	5.6	..
396	224	Sedg. Forbes	345	..	14.5	4.2	14.9
131	89	Stenhouse	105	+1	6.1	5.8	8.1
662	385	Sun Alliance	605	+2	30.5	5.0	..
117	65	Sun Life	107	+1	4.7	4.4	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
310	195	Willis Faber	285	+3	11.9	4.2	14.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	134	-2½	7.1	5.3	28.0
224	166	Alliance Trust	218	..	9.6n	4.4	29.9
49	31½	Amer Trust	42½	..	1.8b	4.3	39.0
100	76	Ang-Amer Secs	94	-1	4.1	4.3	32.3
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	49	..	4.4	9.0	17.2
157	87	Do Ass	127	..	..	..	..
44½	31	Anglo Scot	42	-½	2.4	5.8	27.3
132½	98½	Ashdown Inv	125½	-3	5.5	4.4	35.2
53	35	ABC Regional	50	-1	0.8	1.5	51.8
90½	49	Atlantic Assets	86½	-1	0.6	0.7	..
62	46	Atlas Electric	58	-½	2.4	4.2	34.5
61½	39½	Bankers Inv	56	..	3.5b	6.2	23.1
56	40	Berry Trust	55½	+½	1.3	2.4	61.9
298½	202½	Border & Sthrn	298½	-2	11.4	3.9	38.5
41½	30	Brit Am & Gen	39½	..	2.3	5.8	26.7
77½	49	Brit Assets Tst	69	+1½	3.3	4.8	29.5
12	7½	Brit Emp Sec	12	..	0.9	7.6	17.1
165	116	Brit Invest	153	h +½	6.4	4.5	35.1
147½	102½	Broadstone	142½	-2	7.2	5.1	30.3
98½	63	Brunner	94½	-1	5.4	5.7	26.4
76	42	Brycourt Inv	75	..	3.3	4.3	23.7
66	43	CLRP Inv	65	..	2.8	4.4	27.4
280	187	Caledonia Inv	256	+1	12.8	5.0	28.3
73½	56	Caledonian Tst	69	+1	2.6	3.7	45.1
69½	52	Do B	68	-½	..	..	..
124½	91	Capital & Natl	118½	-1	6.1	5.1	..
117½	84½	Do B	117½	-2	..	..	..
107½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	103½	..	5.1	4.9	..
113½	85½	Carliol Inv	108½	-3	5.7	5.2	29.7
67	46	Cedar Inv	66	..	3.6	5.7	25.0
54	40	Charter Trust	55	..	3.3	5.9	24.8
69½	54	Clydesdale Inv	66½	..	2.7	4.0	42.6
64	49	Do B	63½	..	..	..	..
11½	8½	Common Mkt	£11½	..	20.5g	1.8	..
209½	153½	Cont & Ind	195½	-1	9.1	4.6	33.6
128½	102	Crescent Japan	122	-2	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	79	..	5.1	6.4	23.0
27½	14½	Cumulus	27½	..	1.2	4.4	34.4
100	80	Dalta Inv	80	..	..	..	..
202	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	202	..	20.0	9.9	19.7
170	86	Do Cap	166	+2	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	130	..	6.2	4.7	24.4
146	115	Drayton Cons	141	-1	7.1	5.0	26.5
196	150	Do Premier	180	..	9.2	4.9	25.3
65	40	Dundee & Ldn	61	..	3.5	5.7	25.7
162	115	Edin & Dundee	162	h ..	5.3n	3.3	..
96½	65	Edin Amer Ass	95	..	1.4	1.5	80.5
229	164	Edinburgh Inv	227	+3	9.6b	4.2	39.3
72½	50	Elec & Gen	64½	..	2.2b	3.4	40.1
92½	60½	Eng & Int	87½	-1	5.3	6.1	23.5
76	54½	Eng & N.York	72	..	3.8b	5.3	31.0
276	177½	Estate Duties	276	..	11.2	4.1	32.6
93	69	First Scot Am	87½	-1½	4.3	4.9	34.6
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	149½	..	4.4	3.0	50.7
131	101	Gt Japan Inv	103	+1	1.5	1.5	49.8
149½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	139½	-1	6.3	4.6	41.7
117½	76	Do Conv	109½	-1	..	..	..
106	74½	Gen Inv & Tstg	106	..	5.2	5.0	30.1
84	53	Gen Scottish	81	-½	4.6	5.7	25.8
97½	64	Glenderon	85	-½	2.6	3.0	50.9
122½	71	Globe Trust	109½	-½	6.2b	5.7	24.6
76	49	Grange Trust	74	..	2.9	3.9	34.9
110	75	Great Northern	105	-½	5.4	5.2	29.7
86	61½	Greenfriar	78	..	1.8b	2.3	44.8
49	27	Gresham Hse	46	..	4.6	9.9	10.8
84½	57	Guardian	77	-3½	3.6	4.6	32.3
94	61	Hambros	86	-1	5.1	5.9	26.4
84	38	Harcros	84	..	2.9	3.4	48.3
196½	122	Hill P. Inv	181	..	10.5b	5.8	25.7
79	42	Home Hldgs A	75	-1	5.6	7.5	19.0
59¼	36½	Indus & General	50	-1½	2.2	4.3	32.5
76	52	Internat Inv	74	-1	3.6b	4.8	27.3
122	89½	Invest in Suc	120	..	4.1	3.4	36.6
206	162	Inv Tst Corp	197	-1	9.2	4.7	31.9
76	68½	Inv Cap Trst	68½	-2½	1.9b	2.8	55.2
132½	112	Jardine Japan	112	-2	1.1	1.0	..
143	107	Jersey Ext	119	-1	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	88	..	3.3	3.8	37.1
101	68	Law Deb Corp	100	-1	6.2	6.3	24.0
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	110	..	5.0	4.5	34.2
181	139	Ldn & Montrose	178	..	8.0	4.5	32.8
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	106	..	4.7	4.4	34.3
95	34	Ldn Merch Sec	93	+1	3.1	2.2	..
91	31	Do Cap	91	+1	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	71	..	4.2b	5.9	29.8
188	125	Ldn Trust	187	..	12.1b	6.4	24.7
39½	28	Mercantile Inv	37½	..	1.5	4.1	38.4
72½	55	Merchants Trust	70	..	3.9b	5.6	30.4
50	40½	Monks Inv	47½	..	2.1	4.5	32.5
85	47	Moorgate Inv	80	..	4.6	5.8	24.7
22	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	21	..	2.4	11.3	15.8
123	24	Do Cap	109	+1	..	..	..
94	74½	North Atlantic	88	..	4.1	4.6	30.6
100	71	Northern Amer	94	-2½	4.2	4.5	33.1
101	64	Northern Sec	108	..	6.0b	5.0	25.4
66	48	Oil & Associated	60½	-½	3.0	4.9	29.4
118	88	Pentland	118	+1	5.2	4.4	30.8
75	60	Progressive Sec	73	..	4.0	5.5	26.8
125	96	Raeburn	119	..	5.2	4.4	33.2
177	108	River & Merc	168	..	11.5	6.9	21.5
144	86½	River Plate	138	-1	8.2	5.9	..
89	69	Romney Trust	85	..	3.8	4.4	35.1
187	104½	Rothschild	176	-1	8.5	4.9	25.6
71	44	Safeguard	70	..	5.5	7.8	18.5
86	57½	Scot Amer	86	+½	3.3b	3.8	..
48½	35½	Scot&Cont'Inv	45	-3½	1.8	4.0	35.4
122	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	121	..	4.6	3.8	26.5
129	102	Scot Eastern	127½	..	5.7b	4.5	34.6
39½	25	Scot European	39½	-1	2.3b	6.2	26.6
99½	75	Scot Invest	94½	+½	3.9	4.1	35.4
118½	91½	Scot Mortgage	107½	+½	4.6b	4.3	33.8
148½	111	Scot National	142½	..	5.3	3.7	37.8
100	70	Scot Northern	98	..	4.2	4.3	33.8
87½	72	Scot United	81	-½	3.0	3.7	42.3
88½	70	Scot Western	84	..	3.2	3.8	40.9
88½	64½	Do B	81	..	..	..	..
191½	143	Sec Alliance	185	..	8.6	4.6	31.6
79½	61½	Sec.Gt Northern	74½	+1½	2.8	3.8	44.8
75½	58	Do B	71½	..	..	..	41.8
174	133	Sterling Trust	169	..	7.6	4.5	34.3
94½	67½	Stockholders	91	..	3.1	3.4	43.3
104	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	94	..	..	..	..
78	49½	Throgmtn Trust	72	..	6.2	8.5	18.3
676	585	Tribune Inv	610	..	18.3b	3.0	39.8
67½	49½	Triplevest 'Inc'	63	..	6.4	10.1	16.0
179	94	Do Cap	165	-2	..	..	..
139	92	Trustees Corp	132	-1	6.4	4.8	31.1
111	87½	Tyneside Inv	108	h ..	5.7b	5.2	29.6
133	97	Utd Brit Secs	127	..	6.4	5.2	30.9
95	74½	Utd States Deb	90½	-1	4.6	5.1	26.9
190	142	Utd States Gen	186	..	6.0	3.2	46.7
104	69½	Viking Res	97½	..	1.4	1.4	81.3
194	140	W'bottom Trust	182	..	7.0	3.8	38.6
86	63	Witan Inv	82½	-1	3.2b	4.0	..
82	61	Do B	78	..	0.2	0.1	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	168	-1	10.5b	6.2	24.5
29	17	Yorks & Lancs	29	..	2.1b	7.3	20.3
80	50	Young Co Inv	76	..	5.0b	6.6	22.2

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	288	..	13.0	4.5	9.9
152	54	Fisher J.	120	..	2.2	1.8	11.8
355	207	Furness Withy	347	+3	11.9	3.4	6.9
305	140	Hunting Gibson	235	..	16.4	7.0	3.2
38½	24½	Jacobs J. I.	37½	..	2.8	7.6	11.0
57¼	39½	Ldn & O'seas Fr	39½	+1	5.1	13.3	..
270	215	Manch Liners	255	..	7.6	3.0	30.3
179	123½	Ocean Trans	138	..	11.8	8.5	3.7
172	110	P & O 'Dfd'	118	..	9.6	8.3	8.1
128	100	Runciman W.	106	+2	12.6	11.8	7.7

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
520	370	Anglo Am Coal	450	..	27.0	6.0	..
322	185	Anglo Am Corp	263	+17	20.8g	7.9	..
17¼	11¼	Ang Am Gold	£14⅝	+⅛	107	7.4	..
32½	19	Anglo Am Inv	£30½	+½	303	9.9	..
9¼	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£6⅞	..	68.1	10.6	..
9¼	6¼	Do A	£6⅞	..	68.1	10.6	..
11¼	9¼	Asarco	£9⅝	..	22.0	2.3	..
397	235	Ayer Hitam	235	..	97.1	41.3	..
56	26	Beralt Tin	46	..	6.2	13.4	..
417	249	Blyvoors	297	+11	33.5	11.3	..
46	17	Botswana RST	17	-1	..	..	..
98	55	Bracken Mines	63	+3½	16.5	26.2	..
127	70	BH South	72	..	..	..	..
20¾	9½	Buffelsfontein	£9⅞	+⅛	94.5	11.4	..
254	106	Charter Cons	135	+6	11.8	8.7	..
230½	136	Cons Gold Fields	184	+6	11.7	6.4	..
311	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	302	-17	26.4	8.8	..
232	145	Doornfontein	241	+11	18.7	7.7	..
344	132	Durban Rood	255	-33	..	..	..
35	9	East Dagga	21	..	..	..	..
735	425	E Driefontein	630	+5	48.5	8.1	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	326	-10	..	..	..
39	20	El Oro M & Ex	36	..	1.5	3.6	..
140	64	Elsburg Gold	111	+6	5.4	4.8	..
14⁹⁄₁₆	8¼	F S Geduld	£12⅝	-⅛	109	13.4	..
570	217	Geevor Tin	470	+10	27.4	5.8	..
17½	12	Gen Mining	£14½	-⅛	139	9.6	..
325	185	Gopeng Cons	260	..	21.2	8.2	..
136	59	Grootvlei	130	-2	11.9	9.2	..
310	170	Hamersley	170	-3	..	..	..
112	77	Hampton Gold	81	-1	2.2	2.8	..
469	235	Harmony	339	-16	33.0	9.7	..
13½	7½	Hartebeest	£9⅝	+⅛	91.2	10.0	..
15	10¼	Jo'burg Cons	£10⅝	+¼	104	9.8	..
382	200	Kinross	307	+24	22.4	7.3	..
574	298	Kloof	447	+26	19.7	4.2	..
47	20	Leslie	38	-2	2.0	5.2	..
544	175	Libanon	457	+13	49.7	10.9	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	56	+1	1.1	2.1	..
242	133	MIM Hldgs	133	-4	5.7	4.3	..
85	43	MTD (Mangula)	50	..	12.8	25.6	..
410	220	Malayan Tin	295	..	..	..	..
121	46	Marievale Con	91	+2	25.9	28.7	..
195	93	Messina Trans	84	-1	19.0	22.6	..
36	10	Metals Explor	18	..	..	..	..
230	125	Middle Wits	160	+5	14.2	8.9	..
184	126	Minorco	126	-2	6.9	5.5	..
460	260	Nthgate Explor	265	..	53.3	20.1	..
36	28	Pahang Cons	28	..	3.6	13.4	..
555	345	Peko Wallsend	405	-5	..	..	..
10½	6¼	Pres Brand	£9½	-⅛	93.5	10.1	..
7¾	4¼	Pres Steyn	£4½	-⅛	13.2	2.9	..
160	90	Rand Mine Prop	117	..	8.9	7.6	..
33¾	19	Randfontein	£30⅞	+1⅛	221	7.3	..
246	174	Rio Tinto Zinc	187	-3	12.9b	6.9	..
165	52	Roan Cons 'B'	52	..	..	..	..
96	60	Rustenburg	73	-1	..	..	..
90	25	Saint Piran	62	..	3.0	5.0	..
12½	6⁹⁄₁₆	St Helena	£7⅞	+⅛	73.9	9.9	..
500	370	Selection Trt	400	..	33.1	8.3	..
231	118	Sentrust	168	+3	19.0	11.4	..
97	29	SA Land	59	-2	..	..	..
76	59	South Crofty	60	..	6.3	10.4	..
510	235	Southvaal	457	+23	13.1	2.9	..
345	150	Sthn Malayan	255	..	18.2	7.1	..
160	57	Sungei Besi	134	-2	..	..	..
164	116	Tanjong Cons	136	-1	11.0	8.1	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	100	+2	9.5	9.5	..
260	207¼	Tharsis Sulphr	250	..	..	..	..
13¼	9¼	Transvaal Cons	£11½	+⅛	61.4	5.2	..
200	93	Trench Mines	155	..	7.0	4.6	..
230	117	UC Invest	200	+10	20.1	10.0	..
294	165	Union Corp	244	+9	23.8	9.8	..
14¾	8	Vaal Reefs	£11⅝	+⅛	77.0	6.8	..
278	78	Venterspost	274	+17	77.5	28.1	..
42	37	Wankie Colliery	38	+5	7.0	18.4	..
283	118	Welkom	203	-18	23.1	11.4	..
28	13¼	W Driefontein	£17	+⅛	174	10.2	..
209	113	W Rand Cons	150	+2	8.2	5.5	..
221	110	Western Areas	173	+15	8.2	4.8	..
8⅜	5⅜	Western Deep	£6⅞	+¼	51.3	8.3	..
17	10¼	Western Hldgs	£14½	-⅛	185	12.8	..
164	93	Western Mining	93	..	3.8	4.1	..
671	380	Winkelhaak	555	+35	56.7	10.2	..
23½	12	Zambia Copper	13½	..	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
68	44	Ampol Pet	64	+2	3.4	5.3	15.6
120	41	Attock	112	..	6.5	5.8	23.7
186	128	Brit Borneo	152	+3	9.3	6.1	67.9
960	776	BP	840	-20	33.5	4.0	30.0
55	41	Burmah Oil	55	+1	..	..	..
66½	44½	Century Oils	53	..	3.7	7.0	4.0
34½	16½	Charterhall	29	-1	..	..	74.4
18¾	13	C F Petroles	£13	-½	143	11.0	3.2
44	34	KCA Int	36	..	0.2	0.4	..
195	162	Lasmo	166	+2	..	..	..
415	265	Do Ops	410	..	..	..	..
110	84½	Do 14% Ln	£106	..	1400	12.8	..
332	77	Oil Exploration	304	-2	2.9	1.0	49.7
22½	8	Premier Cons	18½	-1	..	..	..
22⁹⁄₁₆	14¼	Ranger Oil	£16⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
3¼	1½	Reynolds Dlv	1½	..	..	..	..
38½	26¼	Royal Dutch	£36¼	-⅛	147	4.1	6.4
633	489	Shell	525	-5	23.6	4.5	6.4
203	104	Tricentrol	176	-1	1.7	1.0	25.9
268	124	Ultramar	232	-2	..	..	10.9
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	134	+1	10.6	7.9	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60¼	29¼	Allied Ldn	53	s +2	2.8	5.3	11.9
229	127	Allnatt Ldn	229	+1	5.9	2.6	30.9
240	114	Apex Props	240	+3	5.3	2.2	41.4
18½	11	Aquis Secs	18	..	0.9	5.1	22.2
99	40½	Beaumont Prop	99	+6	4.9	4.9	32.5
53½	23½	Bellway Hldgs	53½	+½	4.0	7.5	..
127	59	Berkeley Hmbro	116	..	4.0	3.4	..
186	130	Bilton Percy	185	-2	9.4	5.0	22.3
183	116	Do Acorn	183	-2	0.3	0.2	..
230	118	Bradford Prop	230	..	9.9	4.3	9.7
47½	22	British Land	37	-1	..	..	..
115	56½	Brixton Estate	115	-2	2.9b	2.5	36.4
50	10	Cap & Counties	50	..	1.5b	3.0	..
315	141	Chesterfield	315	..	5.5	1.7	46.0
14½	6½	Chown Secs	14½	..	..	..	..
285	145	Churchbury Est	265	+3	6.6	2.5	37.4
64	37½	City Offices	64	-1	3.5	5.5	27.8
172	114	Corn Exchange	172	+3	2.9	1.7	27.1
27½	17	Country & New T	24	..	1.0	4.2	..
91	35	County & Dist	91	..	1.2	1.3	32.5
69	33½	Daejan Hldgs	67	-½	4.5	6.7	..
51½	34	Eng Prop	46	-1	3.5	7.6	16.1
20½	11	Estates & Gen	20½	..	1.5	5.9	19.0
83	35	Estates Prop	82	+1	1.5	1.9	32.3
205	66	Evans of Leeds	196	..	3.9	2.0	35.5
330	200	Gt Portland	330	+4	6.0	1.8	60.1
87	53	Guildhall	85	..	3.7	4.4	19.1
595	310	Hammerson 'A'	595	-2	7.7	1.3	..
254	152	Haslemere Ests	254	+5	4.6	1.8	40.8
231	143	Land Secs	227	-3	7.3	3.2	85.8
56	32½	Law Land	48½	-1	1.5b	3.1	85.8
55	49½	Ldn & Prov Sh	53	-1	1.1	1.2	47.9
74	40	Ldn Shop	74	+2	4.5	6.1	85.2
127	69	Lyston Hldgs	127	+1	3.5	2.7	22.0
132	46	MEPC	132	+2	2.6	2.0	41.2
16	8½	Marler Estates	16	..	..	..	..
38	15	Midhurst Whites	34	+1	..	..	..
122	46	Mucklow A & J.	122	+7	3.4	2.8	27.8
160	106	Municipal	160	..	7.0	4.4	9.0
83	28	Peachey Prop	82	..	1.5	1.8	..
315	180	Prop & Rever	312	-3	7.1	2.3	44.5
315	175	Do A	312	-3	7.1	2.3	44.5
347	216	Prop Hldgs	347	+2	9.9	2.9	49.6
168	44	Prop Sec	156	+2	2.9	1.9	..
4¼	2	Raglan Prop	4½	+½	..	..	..
85	31	Regional	85	..	1.0	1.2	..
77	30	Do A	77	..	1.0	1.3	..
111	29	Rush & Tompkins	111	+3	3.9	3.5	16.6
118	59½	Scot Met Props	118	+1	2.9	2.5	48.4
127	77	Slough Ests	125	..	3.4	2.7	41.1
266	168	Stock Conv	266	+2	2.8	1.0	41.4
213	90	Stanley B.	212	+4	6.1	2.9	..
16	5	Town & City	16	+½	0.0	0.2	..
97	41	Trafford Park	97	+1	5.5	5.7	18.2
24	10½	UK Props	24	..	..	..	18.2
20	7¼	Webb J.	20	..	0.7	3.7	19.0
16½	10½	W'minster & C'ty	14	+½	..	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
80	34	Anglo-Indonesia	79	+1	3.9	4.9	..
33	18	Bradwall FMS	31½	..	1.9	6.1	..
197	82	Castlefield	166	..	5.0	3.0	..
56	25	Chersonese	55	-½	3.0	5.5	..
106	74½	Cons Plant	98	..	12.0	12.2	..
44	13	Doranakande	44	+7	2.2n	5.0	..
47½	27½	Gadek Malaysia	47½	+½	1.0	2.0	..
9½	5½	Grand Central	8½	..	0.8	9.6	..
250	155	Guthrie Corp	223	-3	18.2	8.2	..
69½	48	Harrisons Malay	69	-½	4.6	6.7	..
66	36½	Highlds & Low	57½	+1	4.7	8.1	..
140	67	Hongkong	140	..	8.4	6.0	..
200	125	Killinghall	200	..	17.5	8.8	..
34½	22	Kulim Malaysia	29½	..	2.1	7.1	..
81½	44	Ldn Sumatra	80½	-½	3.1	3.8	..
39	22½	Majedie	39	+1	1.0	2.6	..
30¼	18½	Malayalam	30¼	h +¼	1.7	5.8	..
33	12½	Muar River	31½	-½	0.7	2.1	..
58	34	Plant Hldgs	58	..	3.3	5.7	..
19½	10½	Sungei Krian	£19¼	+¼	76.9	4.0	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
390	147	Assam Frontier	385	h ..	24.6	6.4	..
116	52	Assam Inv	106	..	10.6	10.1	..
348	95	Camellia Inv	195	-3	2.8	1.4	..
140	22	Deundi	130	h ..	4.9	3.8	..
250	128	Jokai	217	+2	18.5n	8.5	..
225	120	McLeod Russel	180	..	15.2	8.4	..
410	134	Moran	400	..	22.7	5.7	..
80	15	Surmah Valley	80	..	10.0	11.2	..
201	102	Warren Plant	184	+1	20.0	10.9	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10½	7⁹⁄₁₆	Algoma Cen Rly	£9⅝	-⅛	26.0	2.8	14.7
71	40	Calcutta Elec	64	..	13.0	20.3	..
49	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£49	..	490	10.0	..
39½	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	38½	..	350	13.8	..
64	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£49	..	183	3.9	11.0
480	342	Imp Cont Gas	370	+6	14.3	3.8	15.1
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£37½	..	500	13.3	..
92	46	Milford Docks	78	..	4.1	5.3	8.5
224	140	Nigerian Elec	224	+4	17.2	7.7	..
38	31½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36	..	536	14.8	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 06.01.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1960):—

	Index No.	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No.
	Latest			Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	208.15	6.30	11.68	207.40
Largest Coys.	210.60	6.10	11.02	210.31
Smaller Coys.	199.05	6.95	13.72	197.99
Capital Goods	241.99	6.59	13.66	239.97
Consumer Goods	222.36	6.66	11.21	221.19
Store Shares	188.11	5.93	7.44	187.29
Largest financial shares	238.15	5.19	—	239.38
Largest financial and industrial shares	216.11	5.92	—	216.81
Commodity shares	205.23	5.94	12.15	200.42
Gold Mining shares	267.27	9.43	18.76	264.26
Industrial debenture stocks	96.70	6.16*	—	96.14
Industrial preference stocks	62.22	11.29*	—	62.16
3½% War Loan	36¼	9.59*	—	36¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

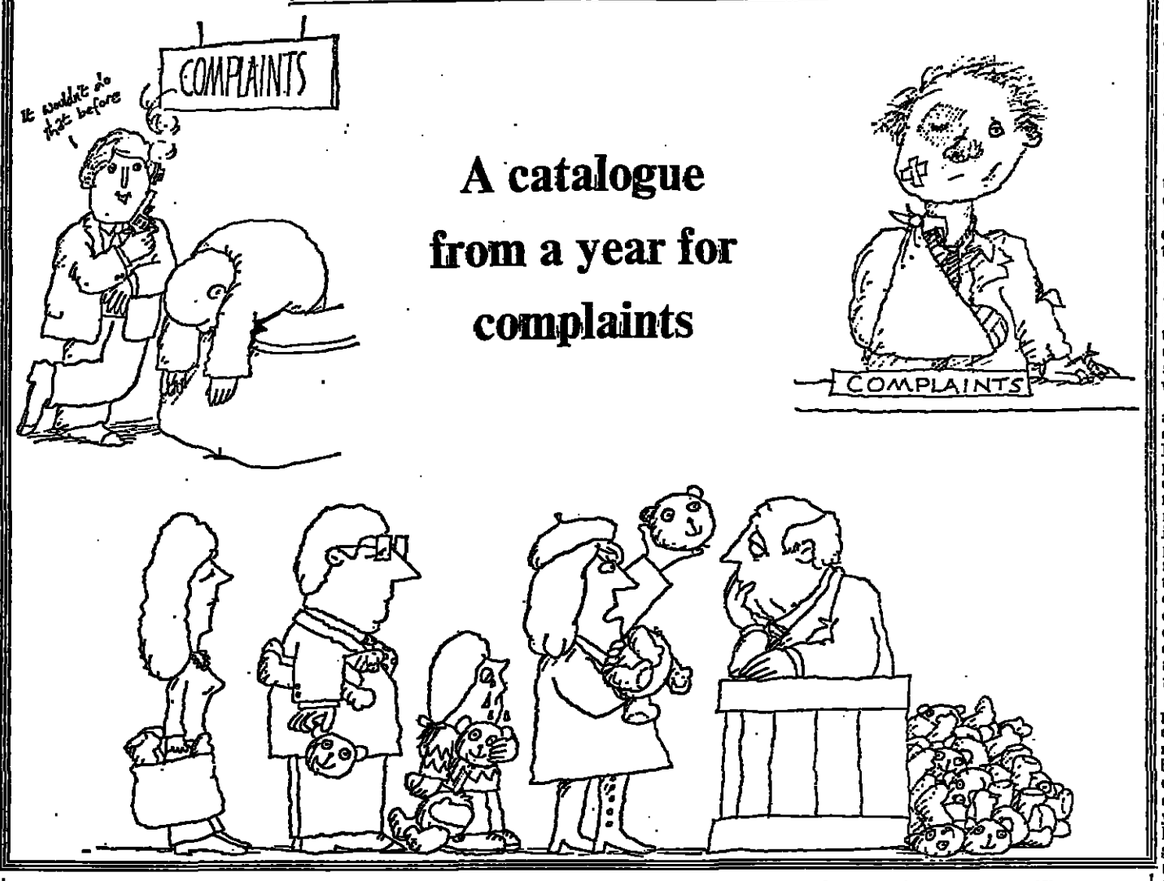
	High		Low	
All-time	222.96	(14.09.77)	60.13	(13.12.74)
1978	208.15	(06.01.78)	204.61	(03.01.78)
1977	222.96	(14.09.77)	151.29	(24.01.77)
1976	171.85	(05.05.76)	118.69	(27.10.76)
1975	158.92	(19.11.75)	61.43	(06.01.75)
1974	136.18	(28.02.74)	60.13	(13.12.74)
1973	188.39	(12.01.73)	128.99	(14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

Weekend SHOPAROUND

Sheila Black

A catalogue from a year for complaints



Last summer I asked readers for their particular complaints about retailers, wholesalers, distributors of all kinds. I wanted to know about disappointments in quality of goods or service. I had exactly nine letters which is nothing compared to a normal daily postbag, not all complaining. Alas, I wish I could say this is a sign of better service all round but the running sores, not aired at one specific time of the year, indicate otherwise. It seems, in fact, that shoppers are beginning to come to terms with second-class service for I get the impression that I have, during 1977, received more letters praising good service than in previous years. I like that, but I am a trifle saddened by the frequent surprise of the writer that everything should have gone well.

However, since I spend so much time recommending retailers and their wares, it is only fair that I should air some of the customers' grievances, although I cannot always tell whether the ending was happy or not. I was so unhappy for Lord Vaizey of Brunel University and his art critic wife when their kitchen was decorated by worktops of two different colours and my heart bled for their plight as workmen moved in and more or less lived with them while a dishwasher suffered from defective valves and eventually became all broken ing. Lord Vaizey, in one letter of good humour that seemed little deserved by Peter Jones, the recipient, invited their executives for celebratory drinks if the kitchen ever did get finished, which it happily did.

What has happened to you, PJ? A neighbour of mine has had kitchen trouble with you for more than a year now—is it you or is it just kitchens that have a hex on them?

Prudence Glynn went almost mad coping with her nearest store, John Lewis, when trying to furnish a new flat. Her bête noire is seeing goods in the store marked "Sold" and being told that she must wait months for a similar piece or model. She wished they would hide the offending, unattainable "sold" piece. Or, when she did give orders, at least tell her that she would be unable to wash clothes or dishes until at least a year later.

The complaint of Dr and Mrs Chitnis went back to 1975-76 and there was little to be done about it, but their problem has been typical of many. They bought a freezer from the Thistle Deep Freeze Service company in Edinburgh and, some 14 months later, just after the guarantee had run out, found the exterior paintwork blistering. A telephone call to Thistle elicited a promise that someone would call when in the area, 38 miles from the Edinburgh headquarters but repeated calls to Thistle produced no such caller. All this occurred between March and August, 1976, and culminated in a letter from the unfortunate Chitnis family to which there was no reply. A further letter in October informed Dr Chitnis that a common fault in a manufacturing batch of these Caravell freezers had forced the original Thistle into liquidation, that a new company had been formed to honour service contracts "with the exception of decorative paintwork". Visits by Mrs Chitnis to local consumer bodies confirmed that the essential exterior paintwork of her freezer seems to be classified as decorative and not covered by her contract. A letter to the Danish factory making her brand, Caravell, seemed to be the only solution but she lost heart and never wrote.

Then she read in *The Scotsman* that Thistle Freezers now had a new shop and, informing that newspaper that not all their readers would be delighted with the company, she tried to contact the general manager of Thistle for some weeks, telephoning both his office and his home only to find him a constant absentee from both as far as she was concerned. She gave up in a kind of black despair and lives unhappily with a blistered, unsightly freezer of which it can only be said that the thing works when it comes to storing her food. I mention this particular case because it is only one of many complaints about inadequate guarantees. Despite what the Office of Fair Trading and a great many leading manufacturers have done, there are still too many guarantees which have so many inbuilt conditions that shoppers are barely covered against damage or the need for repair within the first 12 months.

Let's be fair—it is hard to guarantee exterior paintwork when customers can and do perform idiocies like leaving the freezer in the rain, shutting it in a small room full of condensation or spilling paint on it and using the harshest possible remover for cleaning up so that the freezer's own enamel is also removed. These are only three of many, many actual cases of consumer stupidity or unfairness. But these, and the many others, do not excuse suppliers in such cases as the Chitnis freezer. Surely it is not difficult to send a representative along as promised, especially when one is calling in any case as part of a maintenance contract? Then he or she could check on the treatment of the product by the customer and rectify or compensate if the fault be the supplier's. But to fail to call, even to answer letters and phone calls, is shortsighted.

I feel sympathy for the lady who planned an extra-special dinner party based on salmon trout ordered well in advance from Mac Fisheries but I find my sympathy equally strong for Mac Fisheries when, on the appointed day, she called for her fish only to be told they had none—as a periodic fisherwoman I know that salmon trout can be elusive, and it was probably the weather rather than Mac Fisheries that let her down. She did not moan, but bought tender lamb to go with the Sancerre and gave a characteristically excellent and successful dinner party. She had bad luck, but that really was all.

I feel very badly about the gentleman whose Texon autopainting job proved less good than my own had been but I find the reader, Mr Walter Morgan, too philosophical about the whole thing and feel he should have pushed Texon harder for final satisfaction for their sake as well as his own and for the sake of future customers. He also made the mistake of doing some patchwork himself. Never, never do such a thing. The moment you start retouching or repairing, you are vulnerable, whether you are in the right or wrong. If a repaint or repair has even the tiniest fault, live with it until you can have the offending error inspected. Goodness knows what chemicals or what force may make slightly bad a good deal worse. I was puzzled, Mr M, that you say you had been given some paint by Texon—they refused me any spare paint as it solidifies and cannot be used at home but is freshly mixed for each spray application and has in any case to be baked.

For the lady who paid a deposit at the Chelsea Flower Show but never received her order, it finally proved to be a case of "all's well" after she contacted her local consumer champions, so never forget these worthies, already so often recommended by me. They are wonderful, even if they can do little about decorative paintwork on freezers. But why did she have to resort to such a move?

The old chestnut about Harrods' account department refuses to get lost and may infect those who complain about it—we had three in the same post but, apart from one that was specific about being charged for returned goods, we were not given enough data to point an accusing finger. Or, rather, that would have been the case had it not been for an experience of my own which I tell here because it is an example of other complaints from readers, a lesson in how to mix humanity with computer operations. I have had an account with Harrods for many years—since the early or mid-fifties. A couple of years ago, I changed it from my married name of Lee-Howard to the name of Sheila Black to simplify things—I never knew which name to sign on which cheque. The changeover was traumatic, despite a charming and efficient man in Harrods' accounts office. We never managed to convince the computer that Mrs Lee-Howard no longer existed until the man at Harrods telephoned me to describe the drastic action he had taken to kill that lady for ever and to open a new account for Miss Black so that I should no longer be plagued with two bills every month. He said that he would write, confirming the extinction of Mrs Lee-Howard and he did. The letter was addressed to Mrs Lee-Howard.

However, that did end one saga and all went well until this summer. I was on the point of going away when I received my June account and did not pay it. The following month the account arrived on the day a nephew was killed in a car accident and, since I had reared him with my children, I was distracted from Harrods' bill and indeed set off for Holland and the funeral without paying that month either.

I then received a debt collector's letter. In fury, since the sum was very small (about £27 as I recall), I mutilated my card, returned it to Harrods and asked that my account be closed. The cheque that accompanied the letter was more than the overdue amount because I wanted to cover a warehousing charge for my mother until an account could be opened for her.

Harrods did not reply to my letter or acknowledge the cheque and the damaged card but, in time, sent me a normal monthly statement of account showing me to be in credit. I immediately wrote to ask what the devil was going on and got a pleasant-enough reply explaining things. Not one single word of apology did I get, although my second letter explained why I was closing the account. Furthermore, the whole thing was such bad business because nobody, absolutely nobody, tried to hold my customer loyalty.

True, a letter or telephone call to members of the management that I know, respect and like would have sorted everything out. But that is not the point. The point is that not one single shopper should be treated as though he or she were not human. Surely there are not so many defaulters that their records cannot be checked? Surely there is some way of humanizing the system? I admit to having been in the wrong but people do go abroad, become ill, or fail to pay their accounts for some other reason. Or must we all be treated as miscreants if the system and an electronic reader dubs us as such? I do still shop at Harrods but not with the old affection and I will never, ever open another account there although I like the store and the merchandise.

The story typifies many, many similar complaints. Customers who do pay their accounts pretty regularly resent being lumped together with the baddies. I repeat, I know only too well what the system requires and confess we should all try to conform but I do ask for some understanding on behalf of many *Times* readers besides myself—I speak of other stores now and not only of Harrods. Before it is too late, please teach staff that they must not become inflexible merely because the system and a computer makes it simpler to be that way.

There are so many retail seminars—what about one on credit accounts and customer communications? Meanwhile, this is not written with malice aforethought but in the hope that we all check ourselves before we cease to be people in our dealings with each other. At the risk of being accused of personal indulgence, let me tell of another 1977 experience. Wiggins Teape was doing a good deal of expensive advertising in Sunday magazines, on TV and so forth for their Idem carbonless copying paper. Having previously used their NCR (No carbon required) I wrote for details, explaining that I would probably not be ordering large quantities and adding clearly that I wanted the cost and availability as it might prove to be too expensive even for the undoubted convenience of not having to use carbons.

They sent me a handsome, costly folder with samples and some data, though not much and what there was of it was flowery rather than useful. But they did not tell me what it cost or where I could buy it. No, not a word that answered my letter, only the printed material prepared for the respondents to their advertisement who conformed to their own idea of who their customers were.

Considerately, I returned their costly package in mint condition, with yet another letter suggesting that it might do for another prospective customer and once more explaining my own personal requirements. This time I was treated to a stony silence, not even to the courtesy of a letter saying that they supplied only in bulk or it was too costly or some such thing. Just nothing. I wrote once more but to no avail.

Should I be sorry for the management, the advertising agency or their shareholders or should I just recognize that their promotion was probably a success and they could do without the irritation of people like myself? Or should I go on feeling they lacked PR over this particular exercise? My secretary and I aim to answer everything that reaches the office, even if only by acknowledgment card and I am sure we miss doing so from time to time. But can a company that has failed to reply to three letters be said to have missed occasionally?

I am a reasonable customer, preferring to be pleasant than otherwise. I have excellent relationships with the same hairdresser, butcher and many other tradesmen, developed over anything from five to 25 years. I like to get and give loyalty and I like to get and to give service. Nor do I contend that only the smaller individual shops serve us well—one girl at my local branch of the Boots chain makes shopping there a pleasure just as the grumpiness of a man at a small newsagent's shop makes me avoid it whenever possible.

It is so easy to make customers love you. One of my happy memories of 1977 is the story of my electric typewriter. I bought an Electra by SCM and found it did not stand up to what I expected of it although it is a compact and very worthy portable electric machine. I wrote to SCM (Smith-Corona) and told them so, and got a prompt reply recommending the larger, heavier, tougher Coronamatic 2200. They offered to exchange my used machine for a new Coronamatic for the difference in the prices and went out of their way to explain that the demands I make on a typewriter were too much for the Electra.

Now, quite apart from the fact that they were right and I happen to adore my new machine, as do friends and guests who use it and say they've never before typed in such comfort and at such speed, I feel I would actively want to buy from SCM. I actively enjoy using my Coronamatic and not only because it is so good but because I enjoyed the transaction.

The most frequent complaint I get is that of the "minority need". Over and over again I find myself telling readers that "they do not make such-and-such because there is no demand for it" when the reader's request has just proved t one demand. Sometimes to earth the most out or wayward objects—I sheepskin spats—and sor we fail. On occasions, r suggestions have actually the design and manufact a product or two, then successful or, alas, occas unsuccessful marketing o But there are still too things that people want are nowhere to be fou bought.

My own unsatisfied ne to be Kleenex pop-up tis a box of the size that my household contains same, a need I share Bernard Levin and abou neither of us need co any longer since these es were restored to the co market and will, I hop there.

But I have another ne is just as difficult to (*not* shared with B Levin this time). I wa toilet packs—soft tiss course. It was once enough, then the Kleene pany (Kimberly-Clark) drew them except for cr hospital, institutional an lar customers. Boots, my source of supply, began up. Correspondence with office indicated that the ger could get me in a order if I were prepa commit myself to a certai ber per month or soo like that. In fact, I w be able to buy a case of a hundred at a time and exactly predict the time val. Household shoppin luxury for which I neve the time and calling for orders is well nigh imp Or I would settle for in twos and threes if were always two or th the shelves of my local but not only by prear appointment.

Jeyes very kindly s some flat, soft toilet packs to be going on wit trying to help solve th lem. Naturally, their c ment arrived as a c reached my nearest gro I found myself well stocl stocks are now running l there is no sign of re ment. Of course I fitt holders in addition to m in flat pack holders lo but I still happen to pre interleaved flat 'uns. Je on my side. They wan on making such packs ar extremely original t they would like to see th reaching the people wh them. In fact, they a trying to exhort retai stock them, pointing o this "minority market" all that small.

The credit card is l stay and I think one Mr Peter Sharp, makes point when he expresse peration with John Lew not accepting them bu more exasperation that Lewis's own credit car only be accepted at the s issue. Frustrated in his at to buy a light fitting at Jones and a rug at Brent because his card was iss Oxford Street, Mr Shar might start shopping else despite his confessed liki high respect for the P ship. He is not the on to have protested about There is another side to story and I hope to giv soon.

Halstead is hardly the prettiest town in Essex but it is in or near lovely country and it is rather more peaceful as a shopping centre than Colchester, which is the nearest major town. But Halstead does have an enterprising shop which makes a pleasant outing of shopping around.

The shop is The White House, the address 32 High Street, Halstead (Halstead 2729). Car parking is easy and close and they serve afternoon tea in an elegant Georgian drawing room, morning coffee, a light lunch and plenty of intelligent, friendly help and good merchandise. It is hard enough to get tea except in hotels, and it is such a pleasure.

The goods cover all sorts of fun things like rubber stamps with all sorts of messages that children would love to stamp on their envelopes or secret missives—"Top Secret" is perhaps the least original but easily the most important one and should be really popular. I feel sorry that I did not fit in The White House this Christmas because the lady who visited the shop for me says they had the most reasonably priced and imaginative range of toys, games, puzzles, saucy wall plaques and baskets she had seen as well as some super cake decorations. Her own comment was that the White House, a relatively new enterprise, is well worth putting on the shopping map and I shall make a beeline for it when I am next in the area, so please get ready with the cucumber sandwiches made with wholemeal bread, Mr and Mrs Nugent.

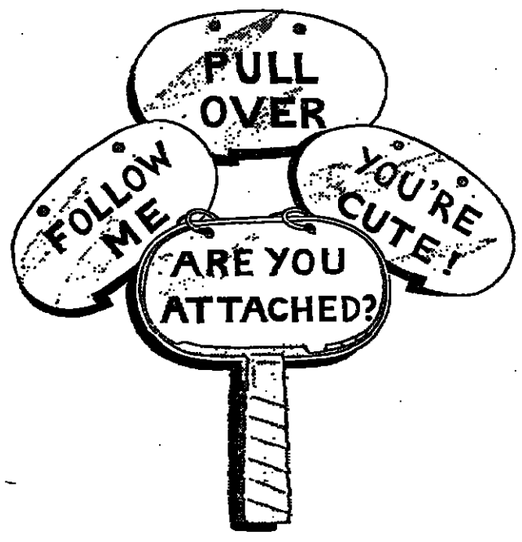
Nearby is Linden Lady, a chocolate house that attracts people from far afield and as good as any in London, where rum is literally poured into the truffle mixture before whipping up the fresh cream.

This is also run by a couple whose aim is service and quality, Colin and Pauline Grant, who make old favourites and new flavours freshly every day. Turkish Delight in many flavours, delicious gingers and nutty marzipans all are covered with chocolate made from old Dutch and Belgian recipes and my taster was too keen on them, she says, having to watch her weight. The Grants started chocolate making in Westcliff some 20 years ago, but moved to Halstead when the High Street began to bustle.



Fiona is 15½ and as clothes-conscious as she can be, with very precise ideas about what she does or does not want. She always manages to look very smart and yet neither too trendy nor too casual. It was with some doubt that I took her a Speedo swimsuit, a neat all-in-one suit which looked entirely different from the bikinis I had seen her wear on her exceptionally slim, tall body.

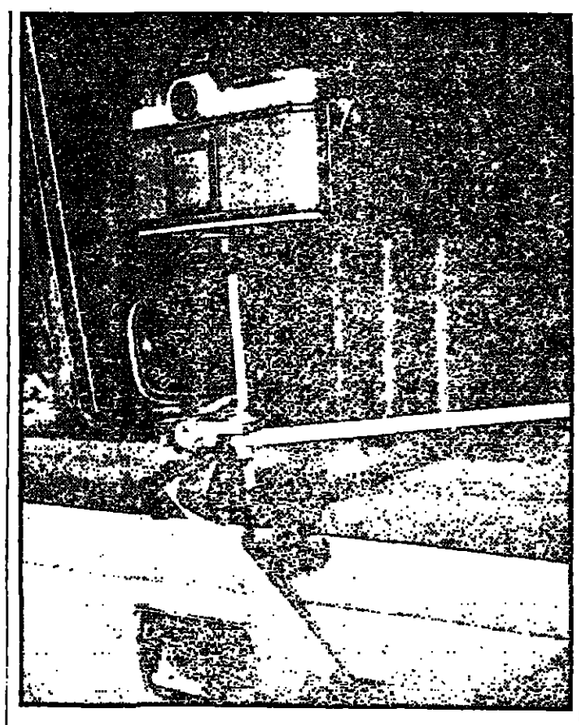
She was delighted and she looked extra attractive in the bright blue nylon style called New Crossback. It had a sheen rather than a shine, fitted like a second skin yet showed her curves, and the single seam made it smooth all over. She then went for her swim and came back full of enthusiasm for the comfort, fit, ease of movement and everything else until I was convinced she could qualify for the next Olympics if she stayed with Speedo. This firm is so expert at styling swimwear for function that one might be forgiven for not going shopping for their swimsuits for appearances, but this I would heartily recommend. The colours are jewel colours and fast in any kind of climate or water but they should not be ill-treated although they stand up to the energies of youth. They make bikinis, men's trunks and any kind of swimwear and are stocked at most good sports shops. You can get a leaflet and your local stockist from Speedo (Europe), Ascot Road, Nottingham NG8 5AJ. I happen to like their swimwear for its looks and good taste, style and lone but racing or competitive fanatics might like to know that Speedo has the sole right to reproduce the symbols of the two major championships of 1978, the World Swimming Championships in West Berlin and the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada. The New Crossback in the photograph costs about £8.



The Hi! Sign is one of the joke games of 1978. It looks rather like a ping-pong bat and is roughly the same size. Handles in bright red, green, blue or yellow (besides white) are called paddles in America from whence this hails. The idea is that the bat part is a pack of messages for cyclists or motorists to show other road users. They include pick-up and come-hither slogans as well as some perfectly everyday, sensible remarks—there are 22 messages in all plus a couple of blanks for your own imaginative call.

Crazy, yes, but it gave tremendous joy to a serious friend with a solid business reputation who is thoroughly enjoying his new toy. It costs £4.95 and is at Presents, 129 Sloane Street, London, S.W.1 (which also sells by mail), or at any of the branches of Etcetera (see 'phone book for addresses) which will sell by post from the shop at 47 Golders Green Road, London, N.W.11. Or you can buy it directly from Executive Gadget Company, 30 Baker Street, London W1M 2DS. Add 15p for postage.

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A camera tripod which fits to the car and which is an utterly simple device and design is extraordinarily hard to describe or to illustrate but it is just what I said—a tripod for travellers which clips safely and firmly to the window "ledge" of a car (or a train) and holds the camera steady, always ready to use as some memorable scene comes into view. It can be fixed on passenger or driver side leaving the legs and arms inside the car free. It may at first seem unnecessary since, in theory one can always stop the car to preserve images for posterity. In fact, stopping a car as one passes a castle, cathedral or charming market is too often impossible and it is not even allowed in places like safari parks. The Arrow car tripod solves such problems.

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Really handsome ori furniture is not too hard to but it is at its most gleamin handsome at a new shop The Oriental House, 21 G Street, London, W1. I the shop just too late to the doors open and had to my nose to the window in tional fashion. But I was ciently impressed to want back for a careful inspec especially since there are Elmyr de Hory fakes on walls including some so-d Dufys, Modiglianis and Pica The ornate black lacquer g father clock with soaps figures and gilt trellis n costs £900, while a linen in Chinese red and black, with scented camphorwood bound in brass, is £225.

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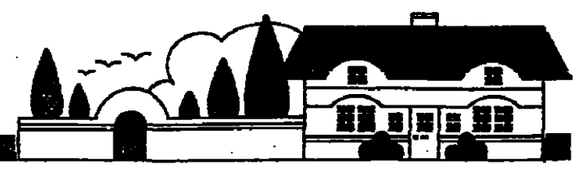
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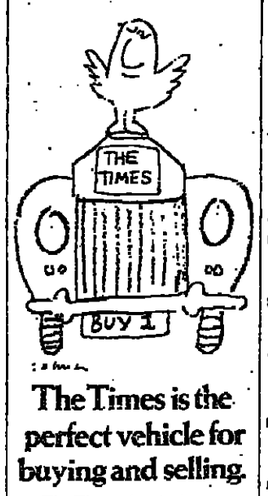
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ANDERSON.—On 5th Jan. at Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Jenny (nee Dundas) and Simon—a daughter, a sister for Tania, Charles and Francesca.

BARRINGTON-WELLS.—On January 5th to Rosemary and David, a son.

BOND.—On Jan. 5th, at the Maternity Unit R.H.C.H., Winchester, to Deirdre (nee Williams) and Richard—a son (Charles Maurice Winston).

CORKERY.—On January 6th in Brisbane, to Joanne (nee Stoddy) and Martin, a son.

IRVIN.—On January 3rd, 1978, to Sarah (nee Le Feuvre) and Peter—a daughter (Anna Frances), a sister for Tom.

LEE.—On 6th January at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, to Lesley (nee Rumford) and Julian—a son (Simon Francis).

McCANN.—On 4th January, at Cümligen, Switzerland, to Christina (nee McCarthy) and Wg Cdr David McCann—a son (Matthew Damian Fitzgerald), a brother for Lucy, Katie and Benjamin.

BIRTHS

MILLER.—On Christmas Eve, in Germany, to Catriona and Alistair—a son (Andrew), brother to Alexander and William.

NEYRA.—On December 30th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Deirdre (nee Guinness) and Alberto—a son.

PICKARD.—On 4th January, at Greenwich District Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Hardy) and Edward—a daughter (Amelia).

PRINCE.—On January 4th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Anne (nee Dawson) and Kevin—a daughter (Rosamund).

SHRECK.—On January 6th in Cornwall to Sheila and Peter, a son, Charles Edward.

BIRTHDAYS

THORNEYWORK, ANN. Happy 21st. Stacks of love—Jack.

DEATHS

BENNETT.—On 31st December 1977, in Hackney Hospital, John Marsland Hadfield, son of the late Mr and Mrs J. H. Bennett formerly of Budleigh Salterton.

BLAKE.—On December 31st, Charles Stanley Blake of Haslemere, Surrey, husband of Marcia, father of Anthony, Olga and Michael.

BROWNE.—On 4th January, peacefully in Trowbridge General Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Francis William Browne, D.S.O., M.C., retired, 14th/20th King's Hussars, of Brooke Cottage, Semington, Trowbridge, Wilts. Dear husband of Ursula, brother of Nicholas, Anthony and Ursula. Funeral service at Semington Church on 10th January at 9.30 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations in lieu to 14th/20th King's Hussars Benevolent Fund.

BULLOCK.—On 5th January, 1978, peacefully in Somerset, Ann Winifred, of 6 Gloucester Cottages, Hastings (formerly of Old Moor House, Westfield), Beloved wife of the late George and mother of Anne, Peter and the late Christopher. Funeral arrangements. Enquiries to Peter Bullock, 01-688 4873.

CALLAGHAN.—On January 4, 1978 at St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Dublin, Brigid Angela, of Ballyvolan Lodge, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, daughter of the late Arthur and Brigid Callaghan of Killiney and late of South Wales. Beloved sister of Hubert and Marie. May she rest in peace.

CAWLEY.—On 4th January at her home, Berrington Hall, Leominster, Vivienne Dowager Lady Cawley, aged 100. Cremation private. No memorial service at her own request.

DAVIES.—On Monday, January 2nd following a motor accident, Trevor Owen, of 161 Barkham Road, Wokingham, Berks. (retired Chief Law Officer, Bracknell Development Corporation). Beloved husband of Marjorie and loved and loving father and grandfather. Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Wednesday, January 11th at 2.00 p.m. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Cyril H. Lovegrove Ltd., Undertakers, 4, Town Square, Bracknell, Berks.

HACKFORTH-JONES.—On 5th Jan 1978 peacefully in a Worthing Nursing Home, Margaret Winifred (nee Bardley-Howard) of Findon Valley. Service at the Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday, 11th January at 12.15 p.m.

JEFFES.—On January 5th quietly at her son's home, Jeanne Marie Jeffes, widow of W. F. H. Jeffes, much loved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, aged 95.

LAW.—Peacefully on Friday, 6th January, Ethel Florence (nee Barnard), widow of Captain E. F. B. Law, Royal Navy, of Clump Cottage, Odiham, Hampshire. Survived by their 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Funeral private at Oldham Parish Church, 12 noon, Thursday, 12th January.

RABAGLIATI.—On 6th Jan., peacefully at home in France, Lieutenant Colonel Euan Charles Rabagliati, M.C., A.F.C., Legion d'honneur, late of the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and the Royal Flying Corps. Beloved husband of Beatrix.

STAIRS.—On 5th January, 1978 in Montreal, after a long illness bravely borne, Susan (nee Inglis) of 765 Lexington Avenue, Westmount, Montreal, widow of Denis Stairs and dearly loved by her children Alan, John and Sarah and her stepchildren Judy, George, Felicite and Philippa.

TATTERSALL.—On Jan. 5th at St. Mary's Hospital, Stanley Rogers (Roger), dearly loved husband of Judy and devoted father of Joy and Simon and grandfather of Damien. Funeral at Sunninghill Parish Church at 10.45 a.m. on Jan. 9th, followed by private cremation. Donations please to Sunninghill Church.

WADDILOVE.—On Jan. 5, in Venice, Florida, after a long illness bravely borne, Malcolm Cyrus, beloved husband of Kathleen and the late Angela and much loved father of Anthea. Funeral in U.S.A. No flowers or letters, please.

WANSTALL.—On January 6th, 1978, peacefully in a Bournemouth nursing home, Humphrey, aged 87 years. Formerly of Rugby and for many years a master at Wellington College. Funeral service next Friday, January 13th, 11.45 a.m. at Bournemouth Crematorium. Further inquiries to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth 34311.

IN MEMORIAM

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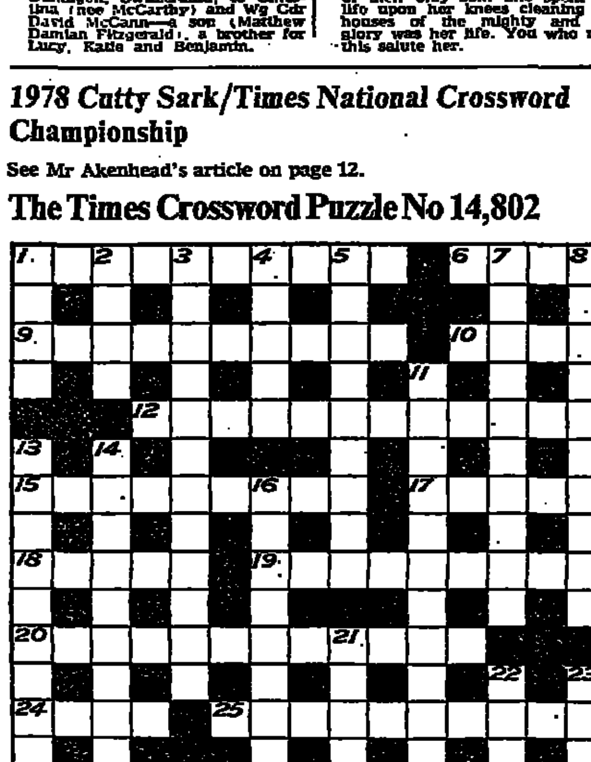
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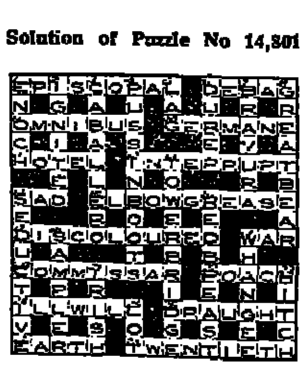
ACROSS

1 Transfer footballer—fair set-up (10).
6 New unfinished piece of Beowulf for instance (4).
9 Lag discovered, press chief puzzled (10).
10 Old bird's double act (4).
12 Rendezvous, giving jobs for art experts (12).
15 Crossed lines in a traditional context (9).
17 Princess from the Near East perhaps (5).
18 Subject of current interest when followed by a beginner (5).
19 Be sorry about poor May getting tit for tat (9).
20 Intends to study patterns (12).
24 One girl or another dropping her aitches (4).
25 Satisfactory tale about five of us (10).
26 Trial for fishermen? (4).
27 Ill-matched companions in ordered society (10).

DOWN

1 Container to discharge (4).
2 They have charge of atomic formation (4).
3 Senior barman annoyed by absence from big party? (5-7).
4 No bid made for Sydney's pleasure spot (5).
5 Did make tidy profit? (7, 2).
7 Issued proposal for £ notes (10).
8 Trial zones for uniform items (5-5).
11 Atlantic flier who stirs up trouble (6, 6).
13 How Britannia rules the waves? (10).
14 Chances to imbibe the odd gin at these events (10).
16 Will Steptoe go metric here? (5-4).
21 A part of Lear put up and withdrawn (5).
22 The broad part of a Spanish river (4).
23 Sent wrong figures (4).

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